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DIRECT RESPONSE E-MAIL

Field of invention

5 This invention relates to direct response e-mail.

Background of the Invention

 In direct response e-mail, a vendor, for example,
can sell a product to a customer by sending an e-mail
message to the customer that describes the product and its
10 price. The customer can order the product by returning an
e-mail (sometimes called a direct response e-mail) that
gives appropriate order information. The vendor can confirm
the order by a return e-mail. The order information
returned by the customer can sometimes be determined
15 automatically using software that analyses the customer's
reply e-mail.

Summary of the Invention

 In general, in one aspect of the invention, an e-
mail message is analyzed to derive response information
20 concerning a commercial transaction. Based on the derived
information, commercial transaction data are automatically
generated in a format that is usable to automatically
complete the commercial transaction.

 In general, in another aspect of the invention, an
25 e-mail message is sent to a customer offering a product or
service for sale. The e-mail message includes locations for
response by the customer to indicate his intention to order
the product or service. The customer returns an e-mail
message that includes the response. Based on the received
30 e-mail, order information is automatically generated in a
format usable automatically by an order fulfillment system
to cause the order to be filled.

 In general, another aspect of the invention includes
automatically identifying response information which

requires resolution of an issue with the source of the e-mail message and automatically managing an e-mail dialog with the source to resolve the issue.

In general, in another aspect, the invention
5 features automatically sorting e-mail messages, based on response information contained in the messages, into e-mail messages that can be processed automatically to generate commercial transactions, e-mail messages in which the response information is inadequate to permit generation of
10 commercial transactions, and e-mail messages that may be subjected to exception handling to yield information that is sufficient to generate commercial transactions.

In general, in another aspect, the invention
features automatically generating a confirmatory e-mail
15 message to the source of the e-mail message confirming that a commercial transaction has been or will be completed.

In general, in another aspect, the invention
features receiving inbound e-mail messages that result from corresponding outbound e-mail messages associated with a
20 marketing program, the inbound messages containing response information, each of the outbound messages being associated with a distinct piece of the marketing program. The response information in each of the inbound messages is automatically associated with the corresponding distinct
25 piece of the marketing program.

In general, in another aspect, the invention
features automatically merging response information with corresponding information in a database for use in
completing transactions.

30 In general, in another aspect, the invention
features identifying inbound e-mail messages that cannot be processed automatically to generate commercial transactions,

and using the database information to assist in exception handling of the identified inbound messages.

Other advantages and features will become apparent from the following description and from the claims.

5 Brief Description of the Drawing

Figures 1A through 1C and 2A through 2B show e-mail messages.

Figure 3 is a block diagram of a direct response e-mail system.

10 Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Outbound e-mail messages

The two e-mail messages shown in figures 1A through 1C and 2A through 2B are examples of outbound messages associated with commercial transactions.

15 The example message 10 shown in figure 1 offers Harvard Business Review products. Message 10 includes basic copy 12 that is similar to basic direct marketing copy of the kind that is commonly used in e-mail marketing. Message 10 also contains a section 14 giving instructions on how to
20 order the products.

Inbound e-mail messages

To take advantage of the offer shown in figure 1, the recipient creates a reply e-mail message (the direct response message) and types the letters of the items that he
25 wants to order in the first line of the body of the message. In other examples, the letters could be typed in the subject line or the last line of the body of the message. The user is also asked to correct and complete shipping and e-mail address information that has been merged into the outbound
30 e-mail message in a section 16. In section 16, each of the entries is bounded by brackets. Another section could

contain merged billing information, not shown. The person who replies to the e-mail (the customer) is meant to include the corrections or additions within the indicated brackets.

By allowing the recipient to take advantage of the offer simply by replying to the e-mail, rather than requiring the recipient to place an order by linking to a related web-site or to print the e-mail message and FAX it back, or to call an 800 number, a much higher return rate can be achieved. For conventional outbound e-mail messages that require the recipient to click on an embedded URL to go to a web site, the returns may be on the order of several hundred percent on investment (the fee charged for delivering the outbound messages). By enabling the recipient to provide direct response e-mail messages as in figure 1, the return on investment can be as high as several thousand percent.

Figures 2A and 2B illustrate a similar outbound e-mail message in which there is no choice of products but only a single offer to be accepted or rejected. To take advantage of the offer, the recipient types "yes" in the subject line. In figure 2B, a shipping block 18 of the kind mentioned above is shown. (In this case, the shipping block contains no information because the shipping address is the same as the billing address.)

One reason for including differential billing and shipping blocks is to acquire information in the return e-mail message that is similar to information captured in orders placed on a related web site. In a system in which web-site orders generate fields that can be fed directly to an automated order fulfillment process, it is useful to make the e-mail message information field-wise consistent to permit the information to be delivered automatically to the same order fulfillment process.

Exception processing

Processing the inbound e-mails (the ones with responses concerning commercial transactions from the recipients of the outbound e-mails) may require custom
5 interaction with the recipients. For example, the wording of the outbound messages may be confusing to the recipients.

As shown in figure 3, the system 40 enables the transactional e-mail message processor 42 to determine when a dialog with the recipient 44 is needed and then assists a
10 human service representative 46 to conduct an effective dialog 48. The dialog can be conducted on behalf of the vendor 50 but without involving the vendor. Alternatively, the vendor's fulfillment process 52 can be notified electronically 54 of interaction that may be required.
15 Easing the processing of responses that include customer orders is important because the orders typically come back quickly, e.g., within 36-48 hours, and in large volume. The ability to deal with questions that arise as a result of the contact from a customer service point of view keeps the
20 vendor's customer service organization from being overwhelmed by the responses that come back.

The ability to process exceptions without involving the customer service organization of the vendor is based partly on knowing how the outbound e-mail messages were
25 constructed. As a simple example, a recipient may ask an unnecessary question that could have been answered by reading the outbound e-mail message. The e-mail message processor can pull out the relevant portion of the message and send it back to the recipient to answer the question.

ProcOrder Process

The inbound e-mail messages 60 are batch processed by a script called ProcOrder 62. ProcOrder parses the elements of the inbound e-mail messages in accordance with the original set up and instructions of the outbound e-mail messages 64. ProcOrder determines if all of the items that are required for an order to be completely processed automatically appear in the inbound e-mail message. For example, the script would look for the ordering token, such as the word "yes" or a series of letters depending on whether it is a single or multiple offer. The script would also look for footer information in the e-mail message, including a code that identifies the given campaign and the given offer, as seen in block 66 of figure 2B. In that example, there are four components in the footer, but only two are represented because the other two are not required in this instance. The first element is a customer identifier 68, e.g. 861270. Then there is a space 70 between two pipes that would contain the list identifier if there were one. There may be multiple recipient lists for a given marketing campaign. In the example, there is only one list, and there is no list identifier. A list number 243 might refer to a list of people who made a purchase at the vendor's web site or who subscribed at the web-site for a listserv.

The third footer item could be a source of awareness code 72, e.g., 3275, which identifies a particular marketing campaign. For example, in the case of figure 2, the code could refer to a Benchmarking Three-part Video Series offer.

The last item in the footer, located between the final pipe and the first right bracket would be a flight identification code 74. A given campaign could have multiple flights of e-mail messages.

After looking for the footer information, the ProcOrder parser looks for fields in the billing and shipping address blocks that are required to complete the order. What is required may vary with the type of campaign
5 but typically the minimum requirements are a name and a physical address. If the information is not completely available in the response e-mail message, the script checks to see if it is available in the database 76. If not
10 available in either place, the script generates an exception entry for an exception list. The exception list is provided to a service representative 46 who can then act on it (without involving the vendor's customer service organization), e.g., by sending back an e-mail message asking for the shipping address.

15 If all required information is available, the script generates a fully fielded valid order in a format required by the fulfillment system of the vendor and adds it to a batch of valid orders 78 which are sent electronically to the fulfillment process.

20 Confirmation e-mail message

As a result of running the ProcOrder script, an e-mail message 80 is returned to each customer either to confirm an order or to request more information. In the latter case, a dialog ensues and is managed by software and
25 through an exception handling service as explained earlier. For example, the customer's response could say something like "sure, send"; or "send it and I'll take a look." Shortly thereafter the customer would receive a confirmation
30 "Thank you for your order; you can expect the CD-ROM in about seven business days. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help simply by replying to this e-mail."

One-click ordering

Another feature of the e-mail dialog with a customer involves simplifying and optimizing the presentation of content. In the examples of figures 1 and 2, the information is presented in a simple text format. It is useful also to provide in-line HTML code in the outbound e-mail message in a manner similar to the one-click ordering that Amazon.com offers in a web-site context. In one-click ordering, the customer sets up an account by providing credit card and shipping information. On subsequent visits to the web site, the customer can pick a product with one click, place an order, and have it shipped. A similar technique could be adapted to e-mail message interchange by embedding one-click ordering into e-mail.

An advantage of in-line HTML code is the opportunity for a much higher response rate because of the higher graphical contact and higher level of engagement normally achieved by a graphical message.

Template

The outbound e-mail messages are set up in a standard format using templates 90. The templates enable either a single-offer message or a multiple-offer message. Other templates are also possible, including one that embeds in-line HTML into the message as mentioned above, either for the single-offer or multiple-offer cases.

In addition, a set-up tool 92 permits the parameters of a given campaign to be defined, including the source of awareness code, the flight identification code, the campaign identification code, and similar information. The set-up tool also permits defining the tokens that are to be used in a given campaign (for example, the letters assigned to different products being offered). The set-up tool also allows a definition of the required fields that must appear

in a given campaign to enable automated generation of orders to an existing fulfillment system.

The set-up tool also provides a user interface that enables a vendor to help in entering the set-up information.

5 The result of applying the tool to the templates is a set of outbound message forms 94 that are ready for use.

Reporting tool

After the template is set up and the system is ready to launch a flight, address 108 and other information 110.
10 112 stored in the target list of customers is merged with the message forms, and the e-mail messages are automatically generated and sent by an outbound e-mail delivery engine 96. Customers then begin to respond. The ProcOrder script generates automatic orders to the fulfillment system and
15 exception information for additional processing.

A reporting tool 104 aggregates information about the responses for a given campaign according to source of awareness code and flight. The information is made available on-line to the vendor and can be used for a
20 variety of marketing purposes. The information could be generated as an Excel file attached to an e-mail, or as a paper-based report, or as an electronic file that is transferred on a batch basis.

Gathering additional information from database

25 There may be an intermediate step between the parsing engine's (ProcOrder) extraction of information from an e-mail message and the generation of the valid order. The intermediate step could be a querying process 112 to gather additional information from an existing database.
30 The additional information may not have been included in the outbound e-mail messages but may be needed to generate a valid order. For example, product codes 112 may be stored in the database but not included in the outbound e-mail

message. The letters entered by the customer can be mapped to the actual product codes by reference to the tables of the database based upon the source of awareness code.

The resulting valid order is a fully-fielded record that has the fields required by the client's order fulfillment system to process an order.

Exception treatment

Exception handling can be treated in different ways depending on the circumstances. For example, an exception might occur when a customer responds from an e-mail client that does not quote the original text of the outbound e-mail message. The inbound e-mail message then has the customer's e-mail address, a subject line that says "yes", and the original subject line from the campaign, but does not have the required information for the shipping address or the footer information. ProcOrder would kick that out as an exception, but the exception handling system would allow a response management representative 46, based on the e-mail address, to confirm, from the database 76, that all of the required information is available. Use of the subject line allows the system to tie back to the appropriate campaign and to figure out who is ordering and what he is ordering. A valid order can be created without further interaction with the customer other than to send him a confirmation that the system has been able to enter a valid order on his behalf.

The system thus recognizes that it is not likely to be possible to automate every interaction with the customer, but it may be possible to complete a dialog with essentially all of the customers from whom inbound e-mail messages are received by automatically identifying messages that will require custom human handling and providing information and

tools that enable the human handlers to complete the exception transactions in an efficient manner.

Non-order response processing

Not every inbound e-mail message is an order. Non-order messages include undeliverable bounced messages to ad hoc customer service responses. Non-order inbound e-mail messages must be identified by the parsing engine.

Undeliverable e-mail messages 114 are automatically separated from the inbound e-mail stream and stored for offline handling by a human response handling professional, who operates a script on the files of undeliverable messages. The script classifies them as "soft" and "hard," parses e-mail addresses and footer data from the messages, matches the parsed records to the database, and flags appropriate records as "undeliverable".

Other non-order messages also are handled manually as explained earlier.

Vendor creation of e-mail campaigns.

A campaign creation tool 126 is provided to a vendor to enable simple entry of all information needed to create an e-mail campaign, including all the parameters, the text of the messages, and the tables of data needed in the database. The vendor delivers the campaign electronically to the transactional e-mail processor which then delivers the e-mail messages, receive the responses, processes all exceptions, and returns to the fulfillment system the vendor orders in a proper format.

A web-based vendor interface 128 enables on-line viewing by the vendor of the status of all campaigns, including the state of those that are in development and the results of those that are "live". The information is hosted by the transactional e-mail processor in part based on the

database 76. The interface also gives the vendor a mechanism to check text and other content into the database.

Alternatively, instead of automatically permitting the vendor to fully create a finished campaign, the vendor
5 may be enabled to download and check into the database a proposed campaign. Then an account executive of the e-mail handler process would review it and work with the vendor to complete it before it is finally queued for distribution.

Appendices A, B, and C contain more detailed
10 descriptions of aspects of implementations of the invention. Appendix D contains source code written of an example of the ProcOrder process.

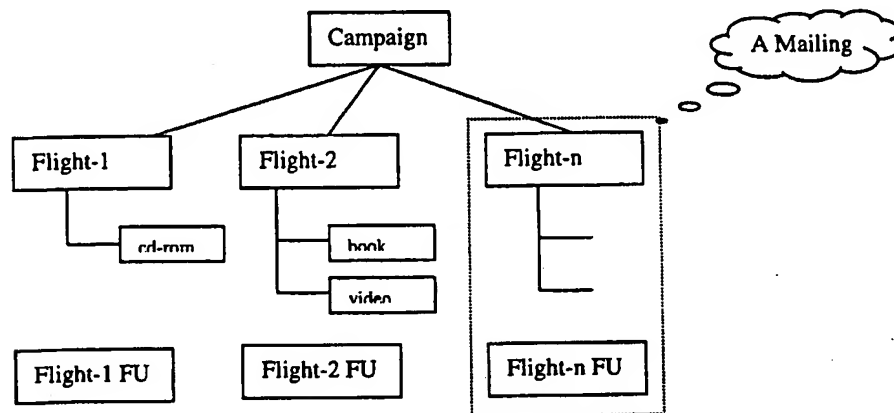
Other implementations are within the scope of the following claims.

15 What is claimed is:

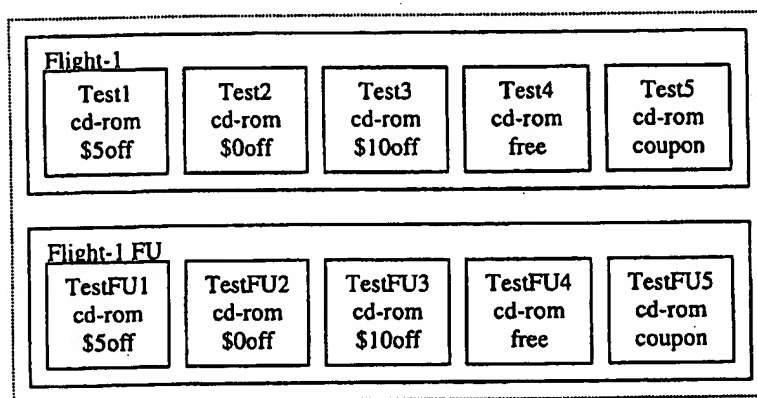
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MAIL CAMPAIGN

A mail campaign is defined in terms of **Flights**.



A flight contains one or more items that are being promoted but is not restricted to the manner in which the promotion is performed. A flight could be setup to promote a CD-ROM but has variances in the promotion of the item to the targeted mailing. These variances in a flight are called **Tests**.



In order to reference the entities above, each are assigned Ids as follows:

APPENDIX A

A Campaign

- Has a Campaign ID , **CID**
- Has 1 to n flights and flight follow-ups

A Mailing

- Has a Mailing ID, **MID**
- Has a Client Code (SOAC). The mailing is performed on behalf of the client.
- Has a Flight ID, **FID** and a Flight Follow-up ID, **FID**

A Flight

- Has a flight ID, **FID**
- Shares a **SOAC** with its Flight Follow-up
- Contains one or more Test Ids, **TID**
- Has 1 to m items for sale

An Item

- Has an Item ID **IID**
- Has an Item code (determined by the client)

To summarize, the following ID acronyms are used:

- | | | |
|--------------|---|--|
| - MID | - | Member ID (ID of the person receiving the e-mail) |
| - CID | - | Campaign ID |
| - LID | - | maiLing ID |
| - FID | - | Flight ID |
| - TID | - | Test ID |
| - IID | - | Item ID |
| - SID | - | Style ID (ID of the style of the e-mail message) |

MAIL PROTOCOLS

SMTP

The *Simple Mail Transfer Protocol* (SMTP) is described in RFC 821 and is the way that two sites on the Internet exchange mail messages.

The commands are:

- HELO *domain*
- MAIL FROM: *username*
- RCPT TO: *username*
- DATA
- QUIT

Each command is terminated with a CR-LF pair. Replies start with a three-digit response code and continue with text designed to be read by users.

POP3

POP3 is the Post Office Protocol. If the site is always on the Internet, then mail would be sent with an SMTP-sender and received with an SMTP-receiver. However, in many cases it is not possible to maintain a permanent internet connection and in such cases, the Post Office Protocol is used to receive the inbound mail. POP3 allows mail to be stored on machine that is always on the Internet and a receiving host connects to it, asks for any mail and disconnects.

The commands are:

- USER *username*
- PASS *password*
- STAT
- LIST *[message number]*
- RETR *message number*
- DEL *message number*
- LAST
- QUIT

THE ANATOMY OF AN OUTBOUND E-MAIL MESSAGE

An outbound email message has a predefined structure. The message is created by combining together a text block with an email address.

The structure of an outbound mail message consists of a Property, Address, Subject, Header, Body, Personal and Token.

Headers
Address
Subject
Salutation
Body
Personal
Token

Structure of an outbound e-mail message

a) Headers

The first few lines of an Outbound Mail message are called the Headers and have a defined format. This information is not normally displayed to the User by a Mail Client application and can only be viewed if the Client permits e.g., in Microsoft Exchange this information can be viewed by listing the properties of a mail message as follows:

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Received: by mail.kersur.net (mbox peterk)
  (with Cubic Circle's cucipop (v1.31 1998/05/13) Fri Mar 19 20:59:00 1999)
X-From_: aestes@e-dialog.com Fri Mar 19 13:43:54 1999
Return-Path: <aestes@e-dialog.com>
Received: from montana.e-dialog.com (mail.e-dialog.com [207.31.244.2])
  by mail.kersur.net (8.9.1/8.9.1) with ESMTTP id NAA10659
  for <peterk@sytech.com>; Fri, 19 Mar 1999 13:43:53 -0500 (EST)
Received: by MONTANA with Internet Mail Service (5.5.2448.0)
  id <GZZPKKZ2>; Fri, 19 Mar 1999 13:43:57 -0500
Message-ID: <B15DC0490C8AD211BDFD004005A0C2CC47F10B@MONTANA>
From: Anthony Estes <aestes@e-dialog.com>
To: "peterk@sytech.com" <peterk@sytech.com>
Subject: FW: Warning: could not send message for past 4 hours
Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 13:43:54 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
X-Mailer: Internet Mail Service (5.5.2448.0)
Content-Type: multipart/mixed;
  boundary="-----_NextPart_000_01BE7238.71C0EB9A"
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This message is in MIME format. Since your mail reader does not understand this format, some or all of this message may not be legible.

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-----_NextPart_000_01BE7238.71C0EB9A
Content-Type: text/plain;
  charset="iso-8859-1"

-----_NextPart_000_01BE7238.71C0EB9A
Content-Type: application/octet-stream;
  name="ATT00547.TXT"
Content-Disposition: attachment;
  filename="ATT00547.TXT"
```

-----=_NextPart_000_01BE7238.71C0EB9A
 Content-Type: message/rfc822

Message-ID: <B15DC0490C8AD211BDFD004005A0C2CC47EFF2@MONTANA>
 From: Anthony Estes <aestes@e-dialog.com>
 To: "Hillary Gaeth (E-mail)" <HGaeth@engage.com>
 Subject: * Thurs, Fri ?
 Date: Tue, 9 Mar 1999 08:04:20 -0500
 MIME-Version: 1.0
 X-Mailer: Internet Mail Service (5.5.2448.0)
 Content-Type: text/plain

-----=_NextPart_000_01BE7238.71C0EB9A--

A header starts with a *field name* followed by a colon and the field body. The contents of the field body may be rigidly defined or free form.

The following headers are mandatory; that is, there must be a header with each of these names:

- Date
- From, or Sender and From
- To, or CC (carbon copy), BCC (blind carbon copy)

The following headers are optional:

- Return-path
- Received
- Reply-To
- Message-ID
- In-Reply-To
- References
- Keywords
- Subject
- Comments
- Encrypted

Some of these headers are obscure and rarely used. In addition, some mail clients generate their own extra headers. Many such extra header start with the characters "X-" because if extra mail headers are added to the RFC they will never start with these characters.

A header may be split over two lines according to the following rules:

- The split must be at a place where whitespace(blank or tabs) would normally occur; for example, not in the middle of a username or similar field.
- The continuation line must start with a space or tab.

Similary, a header can have extra white spaces almost everywhere except in the middle of a field.

Two headers that are given special attention in the context of this document are those that contain the address and subject.

b) Address

The address is a header that contains the email address of the person receiving the message.

c) Subject

This is a header that describes the subject of the mail. Contained in the subject is a **Subject Token** in the form of two characters. For example, for the mail subject **'** A Special Offer for Selected Managers'**, the **Subject Token** is ******

The **Subject Token** is chosen to identify the **Test ID** of the mail message.

d) Salutation

The salutation is a text block in the outbound mail message that is personalized to the person receiving the message. The intention is to provide a personalized greeting and an indication of the sender.

From: Harvard Business School Publishing <hbsp@e-care.com>
 To: 'esalas@proteisa.com.pe'
 Subject: ** A Special Offer for Selected Manager
 Date: Tuesday, July 14, 1998 6:47 PM

From the Desk of Laura Winig
 Harvard Business School Publishing Corporation
 Boston, Massachusetts

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Ms. Elizabeth Salas
 5700 Collins Avenue Apt 6h
 Miami Beach, FL 33140-2308

Dear Ms. Salas:

The information in *italic* is personalized and is combined with the remainder of the message at the time of dispatch.

e) Body

The body contains the main core of the message. The format and layout is fixed and not personalized for a particular test.

Simply type "YES" in your reply to this e-mail to take "Virtual Work: Real Results" for a No-Obligation Test Drive!

 Do you work with colleagues and clients in multiple locations? Communicate more by email and conference calls than through meetings? Find your "office" is wherever you are at any given moment? Then you're working "virtually" and you know that working effectively without proximity is essential in today's workplace. And you know it's not as easy as it looks.

Here at the publishing arm of Harvard Business School, we've combined extensive research and real-life examples to create "Virtual Work: Real Results"--a dynamic multimedia program that can improve your effectiveness working "virtually."

 Use this engaging tool and you'll understand:

- * the dynamics and politics of working virtually-
and how to handle tough situations when you can't be face-to-face;
- * how to most effectively use email, video conferencing,
voice conferencing-and how to overcome fear of technology;
- * ways to build relationships and trust without "human touch"-

and how a virtual team can work efficiently and seamlessly.

 We bring you tricks of the trade from the experts in working virtually.
 Then, you gain confidence using these techniques through an interactive case study where you lead
 a virtual team through a project. You'll make decisions that determine the success of its
 efforts-all in a realistic, but no-risk, environment.

Overcome the isolation and conflicting loyalties that are inherent in working in a virtual
 environment-and get ready for success with "Virtual Work: Real Results."

 Take "Virtual Work: Real Results" for a No-Obligation Test Drive.

Simply reply to this email and we'll send you the program with our compliments. We're confident
 you'll find you're working more effectively in the virtual world. After 14 days, we'll send you
 an invoice for just \$295 (single user license).

But remember, if you're not entirely pleased with the program, simply call us and we'll arrange
 to pick it up. You will owe nothing.

Sincerely,

Laura Winig
 Director

In the above example the response with a "YES" is sufficient to indicate the purchase of the
 single product on offer. In a multi-product offer, the items would be listed and associated with a
 letter. For this type of mailing, the responder would list the letters in the response.

A mailing may have a follow up 'reminder' flight. This reminder would not go to respondents of
 the original flight. For example:

On Wednesday, July 1, I sent you a special offer on "Virtual Work: Real Results": a new
 interactive CD-ROM from Harvard Business School Publishing.

Since I haven't heard back from you, I wanted to send you a reminder Before the offer expires.

If you are simply not interested, I apologize for the intrusion.

----- BELOW IS A REPRINT OF THIS SPECIAL OFFER -----
 Simply type "YES" in your reply to this e-mail to take "Virtual Work: Real Results" for a No-
 Obligation Test Drive!

 Do you work with colleagues and clients in multiple locations? Communicate more by email and
 conference calls than through meetings? Find your "office" is wherever you are at any given
 moment? Then you're working "virtually" and you know that working

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confident you'll find you're working more effectively in the virtual world. After 14 days, we'll
 send you an invoice for just \$295 (single user license).

But remember, if you're not entirely pleased with the program, simply call us and we'll arrange
 to pick it up. You will owe nothing.

Sincerely,

Laura Winig
 Director

f) Personal

The personal is added to the outbound message, after the mail body. The purpose of the text
 block is to request personal details from the respondent. The information requested is presented

in two columns, the first indicating the type of information required and the second as a place for the reply to be entered (in [..]). For example,

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FIRST NAME:      []
LAST NAME:       []
TITLE:           []
COMPANY:         []
DEPARTMENT:      []
ADDRESS1:        []
ADDRESS2:        []
ADDRESS3:        []
CITY:            []
PROVINCE/STATE:  []
POSTAL/ZIP CODE  []
COUNTRY:         []
PHONE:           []
FAX:             []
EMAIL:           []

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These details are to determine the shipping and billing information.

e) Token

The token follows the Mail Body (or Mail Personal if applicable) and contains information about the mailing and also the addressee e.g., [{878119|2815|1}]

The format of a Mail Token is

[[MID | TID | SID]]

where

- MID is an membership ID assigned to the person receiving the outbound message
- TID is the test ID assigned to the outbound message. This would be related to the Subject Token.
- SID is the style ID assigned to the style of the mailing i.e., single product or multi-product.

These three pieces of information uniquely identify the receiver of the outbound message and also the information they received. Hence, the processing of a response is greatly simplified if the reply returns the mail token.

In summary, an outbound message contains generic information that is the same in all the mailings of a test, and also personalized:

Generic
Subject
Body

Personalized
Header
Address
Salutation
Personal
Token

THE ANATOMY OF AN INBOUND E-MAIL MESSAGE

An inbound email message has a predefined structure. However, the structure may not be 'structured' sufficiently for it to be automatically processed.

Header
Address
Subject
Response

a) Headers

The first few lines of an Inbound Mail message are Headers and have a defined format. This information is similar in format to that of the outbound message. If the response is produced by replying to an outbound message, (instead of creating it from scratch) then it is probable that the headers of the outbound will be in the inbound mail.

b) Address

The address is a header that contains the email address of the respondent.

c) Subject

This is a header that describes the subject of the mail. This is free-form text and no assumptions can be on its structure. It may be the subject that was used in the outbound mail.

d) Response

The response is a text block containing the message from the respondent. It should not be assumed that the response has any structure since a responder has the freedom to write a reply in "free format" and is not forced to a guideline. This creates a number of problems for the processing of an inbound response since rigid rules cannot be applied.

The points that can be noted about a response are that:

- All responses will contain headers.
- All responses will contain the responders email address.
- All responses will contain a subject. The textual content of the subject cannot be assumed since it can be freely edited and so may not resemble the content of the outbound. If a subject contains a Subject Token then it should correspond to the TID.
- If the response contains the Mail Token then the MID, TID and SID will be available and consequently it will be clear on the approach that should be taken in processing the response i.e., the handling of a single product 'YES' versus a multi-product 'ADG'.

AN E-MAIL LIFE CYCLE

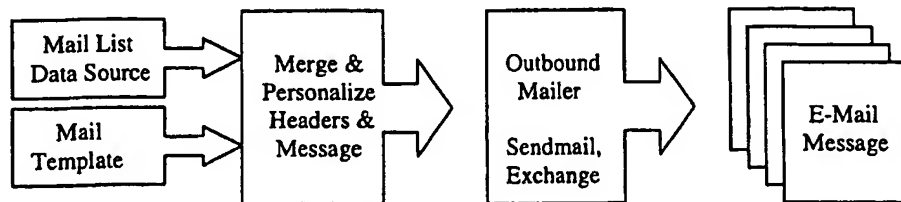
OUTBOUND

a) Create an outbound message

An outbound email message consists of texts block that contains information and one or many questions or choices. The text block of an outbound mail message is sometimes referred to as a **Mail Template**.

b) Deploy the outbound message

The message can be deployed to anyone for whom an e-mail address is available. The address information in a **Mail List** (e.g., database, listserve) is merged with the **Mail Template** and sent. In some cases, the X-Headers are also personalized to reflect the purpose of the outbound mail message.



INBOUND

a) Receive a Reply

The content of a reply can have various forms

- The reply responds to the outbound message e.g., an order.
- The reply requests to unsubscribe from future mailings. The reply contains an indication that the respondent does not wish to receive any further mailings e.g., UNSUB, UNSUBSCRIBE, UNJOIN and REMOVE.
- The reply requests customer service and ad hoc questions.
- The reply indicates a change in personal details or to be added to the mailing list.

There is also the possibility that the outbound message did not reach its final destination and that it bounced back. There are two categories of bounces, hard bounces and soft bounces.

- A hard bounce notification indicates outright failure. For a hard bounce, the subject would contain a message of the following form:
Returned mail: Host unknown (Name server: ssoofftteecchh.com: host not found)

The sender of a hard bounce is usually specific such as:
Mail Delivery System [MAILER-DAEMON]

A hard bounce can also be detected in the response X-Header:

```
Received: by mail.kersur.net (mbox peterk)
(with Cubic Circle's cucipop (v1.31 1998/05/13) Fri Mar 19 21:04:39 1999)
X-From_: MAILER-DAEMON Fri Mar 19 21:04:36 1999
Return-Path: <MAILER-DAEMON>
Received: from localhost (localhost)
by mail.kersur.net (8.9.1/8.9.1) with internal id VAA20320;
Fri, 19 Mar 1999 21:04:36 -0500 (EST)
Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 21:04:36 -0500 (EST)
From: Mail Delivery Subsystem <MAILER-DAEMON>
Message-Id: <199903210204.VAA20320@mail.kersur.net>
To: <peterk@sytech.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/report; report-type=delivery-status;
boundary="VAA20320.921981876/mail.kersur.net"
Subject: Returned mail: Host unknown (Name server: ssoofftteecchh.com: host not found)
Auto-Submitted: auto-generated (failure)
```

The response body can also contain failure information:

The original message was received at Fri, 19 Mar 1999 21:04:35 -0500 (EST)
from dialup111.kersur.net [207.180.95.76]

----- The following addresses had permanent fatal errors -----
<JohnSmith@SSOOFFTTEECCHH.com>

----- Transcript of session follows -----
550 <JohnSmith@SSOOFFTTEECCHH.com>... Host unknown (Name server: ssoofftteecchh.com: host not found)

- Softbounces can be of three types:

- *NonDeliveryNotification* occurs when a given message has not been delivered yet but will continue to try and deliver for a further specified period of time. This state can be detected in the response subject:
FW: Warning: could not send message for past 4 hours

The response can also be detected in the response body:

```
*****
**      THIS IS A WARNING MESSAGE ONLY      **
** YOU DO NOT NEED TO RESEND YOUR MESSAGE **
*****
The original message was received at Tue, 9 Mar 1999 08:00:18 -0500 (EST)
from mail.e-dialog.com [207.31.244.2]
```

----- The following addresses had transient non-fatal errors -----
hgaeth@andexc01.cmgi.com
(expanded from: <HGaeth@engage.com>)

----- Transcript of session follows -----
hgaeth@andexc01.cmgi.com... Deferred: Connection refused by
andexc01.cmgi.com.
Warning: message still undelivered after 4 hours
Will keep trying until message is 3 days old

- *AutoResponders* are notifications which actually indicate delivery but are sent by mail agents to indicate that the user will not be able to respond immediately (possibly on vacation) but the sender should expect a response when they return.
- *Unknown*

b) Process the reply

Automatic processing of an e-mail response is defined as the ability to determine accurately the requirements of the reply by using text inspection and search rules.

To automatically process an e-mail response, there are a number of criteria that need to be satisfied by the content of the reply. The main three criteria are:

- ci) Who is the Respondent
- cii) What outbound message is the response to
- ciii) What does the Respondent require

The exception to the above are hard and soft bounces that are identified by other e-mail properties.

Since all legitimate mail responses will contain the e-mail address of the Sender this can be regarded as a base information for all responses. This information fulfills criteria ci) but alone is not sufficient for a response to be processed automatically.

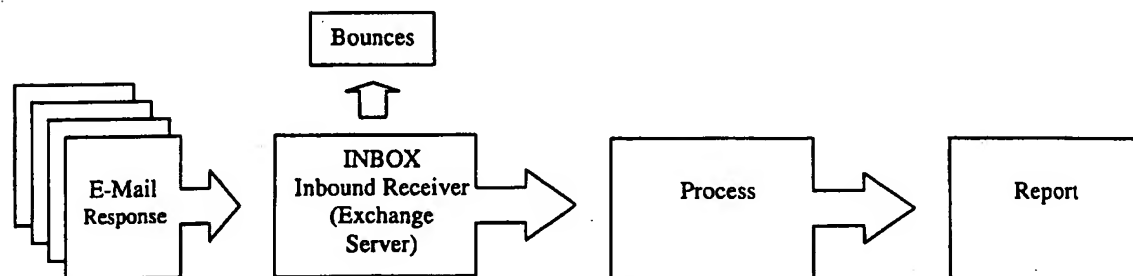
Criteria cii) can be satisfied by the Subject Token, provided the respondent has not altered it. Note that the Style ID is implied if criteria cii) is satisfied.

Another source of information is the Mail Token. For a reply that contains a Mail Token, both criteria ci) and cii) can be determined.

But how is criteria ciii) satisfied? There is no simple solution to this question since the answer lies in the body of the reply, which is in 'free form'. The only method available that can determine the requirements of the respondent is to parse the email reply based on the SID.

c) Produce Reports

After determining the requirement of the inbound e-mail, database entries and reports can be produced.



Design Specification for QuickReply

QUICKREPLY

The QuickReply application is used to process e-mail responses to mailing campaigns. The building and sending of the e-mail messages is not within the scope of QuickReply.

The test within a campaign's flight provides the outbound e-mail message. The message will contain both generic and personalized information and will normally require a response from the person the message is sent to.

Responses to a test are received in the Inbox folder of the mailbox. The design objective of QuickReply is to read the responses from the Inbox, and decide from its content the requirements of the response. On determining (or not determining) the requirement, the response is filed to pre-configured sub-folders and the appropriate tracking database is up-dated.

QuickReply will generate diagnostic information that will support the reasoning on how it reached its decision.

The main data storage area of QuickReply is Microsoft Access relational database. Appropriate records will be added to this database as the response processing is performed. In addition, it is likely there will be responses that cannot be automatically processed and, in such cases, Customer Service will use QuickReply in manual mode. Manual mode will also add records to the appropriate tables in the database.

The information in the database will be used to generate reports.

MAILBOX ORGANIZATION

Mailings are performed on behalf of a Client. Consequently, all e-mail transfers for a particular Client will be performed within the Clients mailbox.

The organization of the Clients mailbox includes an Inbox for the responses and a pre-configured number of sub-folders where the responses are filed.

Mailbox - <Client Reference e.g., HBSP>

Campaign CID

Flight FID

AC

YYMMDDhh

AddChange

YYMMDDhh

BouncesHard

YYMMDDhh

BouncesSoft

YYMMDDhh

Master

Order

YYMMDDhh

Unclear

YYMMDDhh

Unsubscribe

YYMMDDhh

Inbox

YYMMDDhh

In the above, YYMMDDhh is a directory named after the year, month, day and hour. This format reflects the date and time the entries were placed in that folder.

Each test flight will have a number of responses associated with it. When QuickReply categorizes a response, it will be automatically moved from the Inbox to the appropriate sub-folder.

- **AC** Responses for customer service to process manually
- **AddChange** Responses that contain personal detail changes
- **BouncesHard** Hard bounces
- **BouncesSoft** Soft bounces
- **Master** Master version of the outbound mail
- **Order** Responses with an order
- **Unclear** Responses that are unclear as to how they should be processed
- **Unsubscribe** Response to unsubscribe

E-MAIL STYLES

The Style ID (SID) of a response indicates the approach that should be taken by QuickReply during processing.

The SID is a two-digit numerical value

XY

where:

- X=1 indicates the outbound Personal block is included in the outbound message.
- Y=message layout style described below.

The following two layout styles are supported:

a) Single Product Offer – layout style=1

This style offers one product. The respondent is asked to reply “YES” if they are interested.

b) Multi-Product Offer – layout style=2

The mailing information is based on information in a relational database. This style offers a number of products the respondent can choose from. For example, the outbound message could contain:

Your choices (detailed below) are:

- A: The work of Leadership Audio
- B: Leading Your People Audio
- C: Leading Change Successfully Audio
- D: Overcoming Resistance to Change Audio
- E: Gaining Competitive Advantage Audio

The respondent makes a choice and responds by stating their requirement in the free format e.g., “please send me ABE”.

The number of items can vary as well as the choice symbol i.e., 1,2,3, could be used instead of A,B,C.

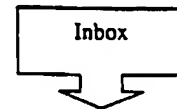
PROCESSING INBOUND MAIL AND REPORTING

The general processing and reporting function is described below. The general flow in processing responses is to determine the membership ID (MID), then the test ID (TID) and style ID (SID) and then perform an examination of the response to determine the requirement.

The processing criteria can be summarized as follows:

- ci) who is the Respondent?
- cii) what is the response to?
- ciii) what does the Respondent require?

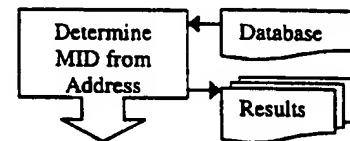
All inbound responses are targeted to the Inbox of the Client's Mailbox. On a periodic basis, the responses in the Inbox will be processed.



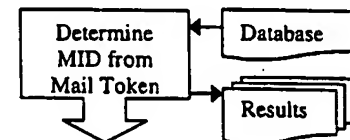
ci) Who is the respondent? – Determine the MID

There are several ways in which the Membership Information can be determined. The importance of the MID is that it could provide a handle to the Member's personal information.

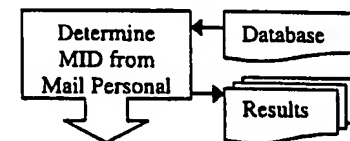
a) Extract the Response Address from the response. Determine if a unique record exists for the Address. If a unique address exists then the MID is determined. If the record is not unique then examine the mail token.



b) If the Mail Token exists then the MID is determined. Use the MID to confirm that the respondent's e-mail address is the same as that in the database. If the addresses are different then report that this was the case but continue to process.



c) If the SID indicates that the Personal block was included in the outbound, then extract the Member details from the Mail Personal. The extraction assumes that the response information is in square brackets '['']. The field definitions are defined in the database together with an indication of those that have to be completed by the responder. If Mail Personal is not complete (the fields are indicated in the database), move the response to Unclear and report.

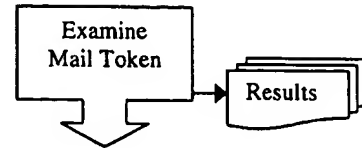


d) If the MID cannot be determined, move the response to Unclear and report.

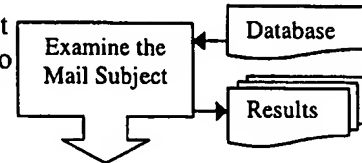
cii) What is the response to? – Determine the TID and SID

The next stage in response processing is to determine what the response is to. This can be determined from the Test ID.

a) If the Mail Token exists then extract the TID and SID. If the Mail token is absent, report but continue the determination of the TID.



b) Determine the TID from the database based on the Mail Subject of the response. If the look-up is successful, then the SID will also be determined.

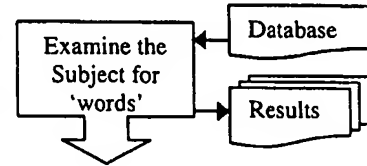


c) At this stage the TID and SID should be known. If not, move the response to Unclear and report.

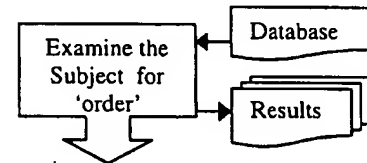
ciii) What does the Respondent require?

With the MID, TID and SID determined, the response message(s) are still of no value until it is established what the respondent requires. The obvious approach to this problem is to compare the response with the original and try to make some sense of the differences.

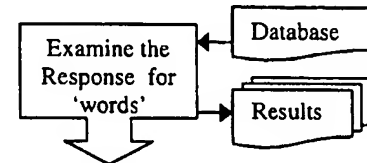
a) If the Mail Subject did not contain the Subject Token, examine for words that appear in the word action table. Any bounced responses are moved to the Bounce sub-folders. Any unsubscribe requests are moved to the Unsub sub-folder.



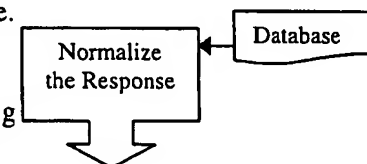
b) If the SID indicates a single item promotion, examine the Mail Subject for words that appear in the word action table. Any order responses are moved to the Orders sub-folders.



c) Examine the response for words that appear in the word action table. Any bounced responses are moved to the Bounce sub-folders. Any unsubscribe requests are moved to the Unsub sub-folder.

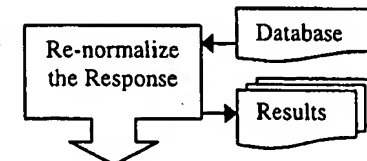


d) Remove all the text of the outbound message from the response.

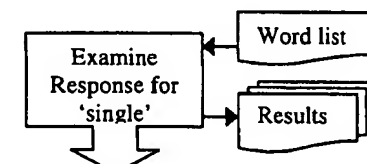


e) Normalize the response. Remove characters from the beginning of each line. The list of characters to be removed are in the word replacement table with ModeID=LineStart.

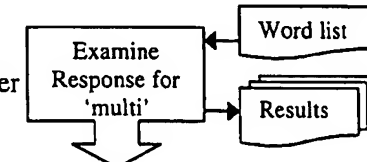
f) Replace phases from the normalized response. The phases that are replaced are given in the word replacement table with ModeID=PhaseReplace.



g) If the SID indicates that there is only a single item on promotion, examine the normalized response for words that indicate an order of a single product item. The words are in the word action table with the ActionID=SingleOrder. If order



h) If the SID indicates that there are multi-items on promotion, examine the normalized response for phrases that indicate an order of multi-items. The words are in the word action table with the ActionID=MultiOrder. In the case of multi-products, the



information the StartOption and EndOption from the bindings table are used to verify that item(s) ordered are in the correct choice range.

i) Any order requests are moved to the Orders sub-folder.

j) If the purpose of the response cannot be determined, then move the response to the Unclear sub-folder.

DATABASE ORGANIZATION

QuickReply uses two types of databases that are stored in Microsoft Access. The first database is part of the QuickReply application and contains high-level information on the campaigns, flights and tests. The second database is specific to a particular Client Test.

a) QuickReply Database

The QuickReply database contains the information that binds campaigns, flights and tests.

tblTestBindings	- contain Test bindings
Test ID	unique
Client ID	
Client Test Database	database name used for the test information
Subject	subject text of the outbound test
Style ID	the style of the outbound message
StartOption	character of the first item in the test
EndOption	character of the last item in the test
Campaign ID	
Mailing ID	
Flight ID	
tblOutboundPersonal	- contains personal details that appear in a test
Test ID	unique
Question	prompt displayed in personal block e.g., First Name
AnswerLen	the maximum length of the answer
AnswerReq?	flag to indicate that an answer must be given
tblWordActions	- contains words that convey an action
Word	unique
Action ID	action id for this word e.g., 'bounce'
tblWordReplacement	- contains phrases and their replacement
Phase	unique
Replacement	replacement to the phrase
Mode ID	type of replacement

b) Client Test Database

tblMembers	- contains member details
Member ID	unique
Email	
Prefix	
First	
Middle	

Last
Suffix
Title
Company
BillAddress1 ShipAddress1
BillAddress2 ShipAddress2
BillAddress3 ShipAddress3
BillCity ShipCity
BillState ShipState
BillZip ShipZip
BillCountry ShipCountry
Tel
Ext
Fax

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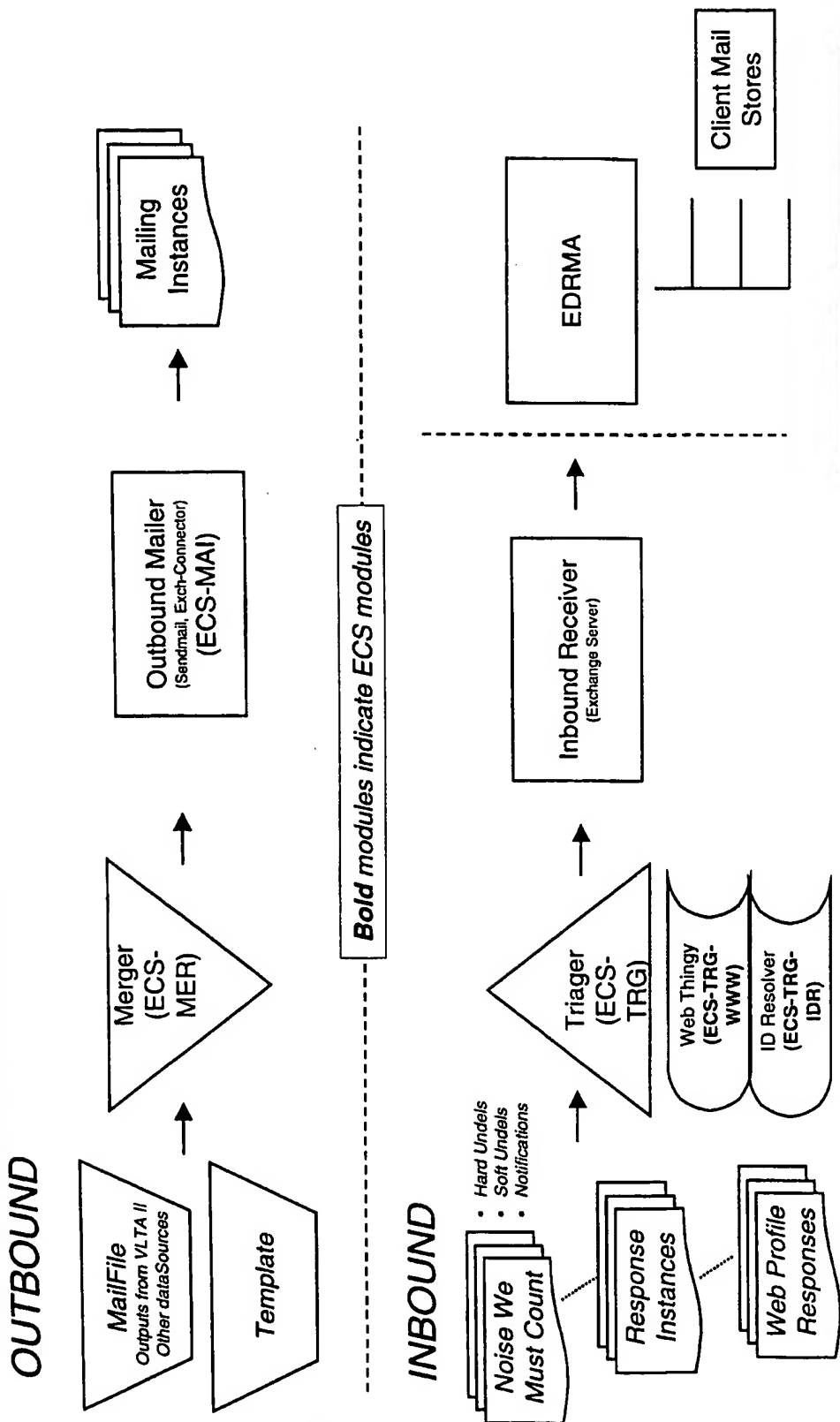
Introduction

This document is intended to provide a schematic synopsis of E-Dialog Response Management Architecture (EDRMA).

Thereby it is hoped that the design of the Verbind E-Mail Channel Server (ECS) can best accommodate EDRMA's input requirements, and so EDRMA's output requirements may be adjusted to match those of Verbind LifeTime's architecture (VLTA)

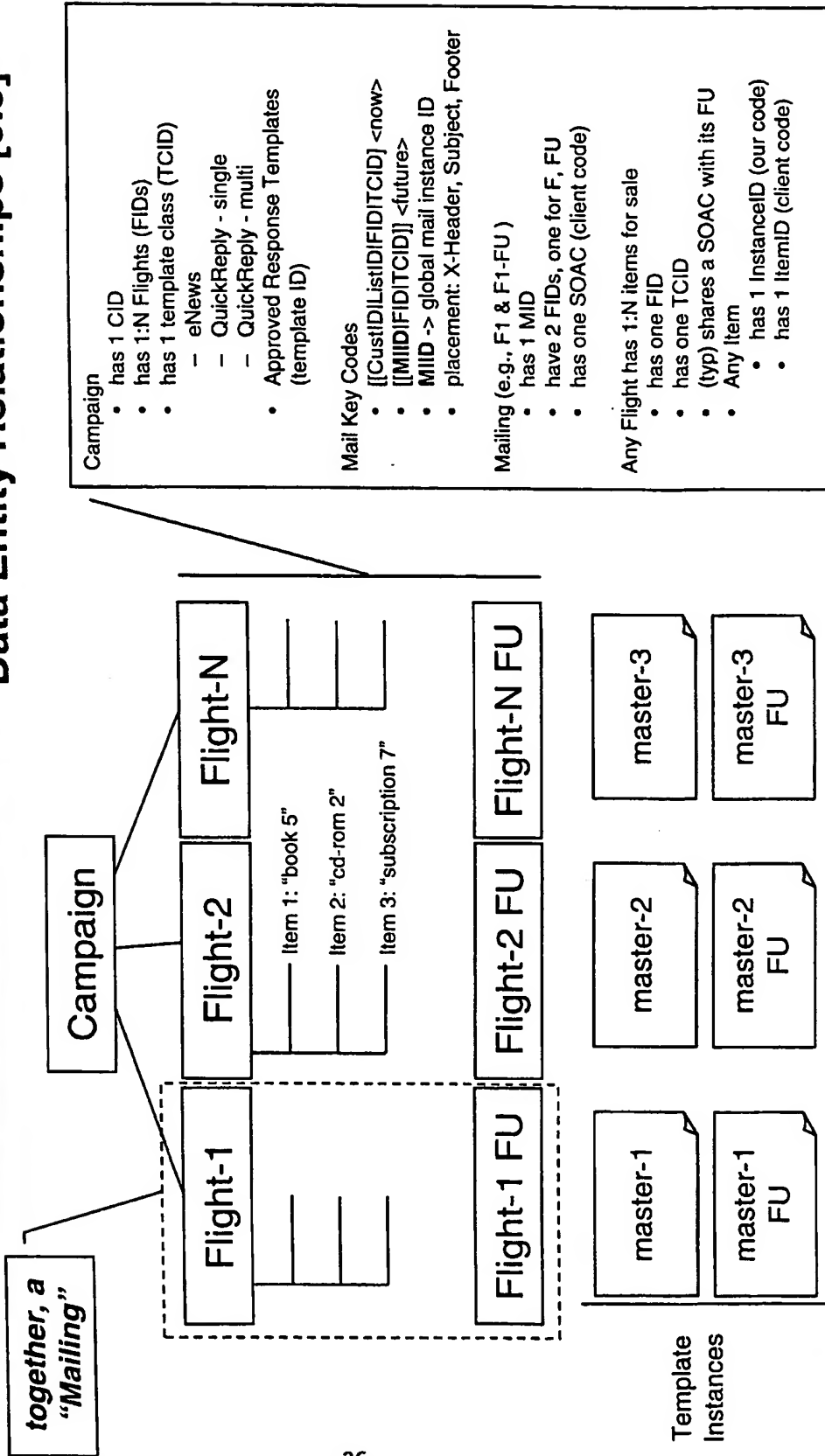
“First, some acronyms...” - *Anonymous*

EDRMA **Relevant Modules - Top [0.1]** **Where EDRMA Fits w/ECS**



EDRMA Model

Data Entity Relationships [0.5]



EDRMA Mailbox

Canonical Data Structures - Exchange Server Data Store [0.2]

Mailbox - <ClientFullName> (not alias: "hbsp")

<CampaignName>[<CID>]

- ApprovedResponseTemplates <templateID>

- <FlightName>[<FID>]

- AC (i.e., "Advocacy Care")

- + <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

- ADDCHANGE

- + <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

- HARDBOUNCES (i.e., hard undelivered... "jsmith@foo.com is not a valid addressee")

- + <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

- INBOX (monolithic, this Mailbox)

- MASTER (contains master template, this FID)

- ORDERS

- + <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

- + > [[custID|ListID|FlightID|TCID]] << footer tags (x-header, subject)

- SOFTBOUNCES

- + DELIVERYNOTIFICATIONS

- + > <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

- + AUTORESPONDERS

- + > <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

- + UNKNOWN

- + > <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

- UNCLEAR

- + <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

- UNSUBS

- + <date: YYMMDDhhmm>

EDRMA **Selected Applications**

VBA.PKInboxInspector
 interface: GUI / VBA
 data: MAPI
 inbox sorting, folder management application

VBA.PKresponseProcessor
 interface: GUI / VBA
 data: MAPI
 response review and report preparation application

PL.AEprocOrder()
 interface: commandline
 data: ADO 2.0
 process raw "order e-mails" by TCID
 uses cf file rulesets for document preprocessing and data element parsing tied to CID; other rules, hardcoded
 generates:

- Acceptable output for review, annotated
- Exceptions, annotated
- Truncated BODYS, annotated
- Raw fields output , annotated
- Raw fields exceptions , annotated
- Rule-eval log (exhaustive)

PL.AEprocBatPrep()
 interface: commandline
 data: ADO 2.0
 takes selected output from PL.AEprocOrder() and transforms to a batch transfer specification via a field map and transform rules cf

PL.AEprocUpdateBatVerbind()
 TBD

PL.AEscrubNormalCanon()
 << not used on the response side >>
 interface: commandline
 data: file handles
 scrubber, normalizer, canonicalizer
 also generates scrambled (non-predictable) row ids and flags AOLs

EDRMA

Process Stages [0.5]

Preliminary ECS hooks anticipated

Preprocess Stage

- inspect Inbox using VBA.PKinboxInspector
 - auto-creates folder structure (previous slide)
 - facilitates auto-sort of items into ORDERS, UNSUBS, UNDELS, HARDS, SOFTS, ADDCHANGE, etc.
 - facilitates manu-sort of items into AC, and exception
- report preparation by TCID via AEprocOrder()
 - produces: OUT_report, EXC_report && EXC_BODY diagnostic report

Processing Stage using VBA.PKresponseProcessor

- for each EXC_
 - inspect, correct, reconcile (via Mailing Table lookups) and commit
- for each OUT_
 - inspect and commit to report (or not)
- Acceptable UNION of EXC_ && OUT_ -> Reporting, Update Stages (AEprocBatPrep() || AEprocUpdateBatVerbind())
- Hard exceptions are tagged as such and become Followup RFC's to get additional (critical information)
- FUP (FUPID -> RFC) tags affect routing; tie-back to HARD exception row in this EXC_ report for closure

Response Follow-up Confirmation Stage

- for each non-BOUNCE (ORDERS, UNSUBS, etc.), respond to respondents with an appropriate "confirmation of receipt/action taken" message
- using relevant response template store (templateID)
- this class of response likewise tagged for routing (FUPID -> confirm)

Reporting Stage

- produce order report
 - deliver via fax
 - post to client private web application
 - deliver as formatted batch

Update Stage

- deliver formatted batch to {Verbind, Database} -> sp_???, SQL Executive
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Development PR: PR1: hbsp_extract_order_waiting_order.pl
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1 # procorder.pl (C) 1998, 1999 E-Dialog, Inc. All Rights Reserved.
2 #
3 # PURPOSE DISCUSSION
4 #
5 # program accepts a raw email stream from MS Exchange Server via export to ADO-compliant database
6 # then uses email body preprocessing and extraction rules - tailored per campaign in ./cf/ - to construct order reports.
7 #
8 # cf files are campaign optimized:
9 #
10 #   mailingdblayout.cf          -> field mappings for a campaign's master mailing table
11 #   messagebodybatalayout.cf    -> DSNs, field mappings, critical rule designations, order-designation bounds, synonym table
12 #   messagebodyindicatordbchange.cf -> rulesets for indicating ADDRESS CHANGES
13 #   messagebodyindicatordbmail.cf -> rulesets for indicating BUY ALL state
14 #   messagebodypreprocrules.cf -> body text preprocessor configuration and rulesets
15 #
16 # program produces diagnostic and order-entry bound output files and logs outcomes of all ruleset evaluations leading to
17 # preparation of those output files, which include:
18 #
19 #   <$argv[1]>          -> summary order report file (designed for data entry, faxing, emailing to fulfillment)
20 #   EXC<...>          -> (companion) summary exception report (same format as S. Order report with annotations to indicate rule failures for man
21 #   ual review)
22 #   OUT<...>          -> detailed order stream file (all fields discretely mapped and normalized for input into batch postprocessor)
23 #   EXC_DETAIL<...>   -> (companion) ..exceptions..discrete fields, etc.
24 #   EXC_BODY<...>     -> annotated diagnostic report containing all message bodies - sans original message - for aid in resolving exceptions man
25 #   ually
26 #
27 # output files are (default) tab-delimited text
28 #
29 # PROGRAM REQUIRES
30 #
31 #   Perl 5.003 interpreter later compiled for WIN32
32 #   MS ADO components 1.5 (2.0+ recommended)
33 #
34 # RELEASE HISTORY
35 #
36 # 981020AE: 0.5      first usage: to extract caroll0 order reports
37 # 981204AE: 0.9      upgrade to handle caroll2, multiple item selections
38 # 981208AE: 1.1      improve flagging
39 # 981211AE: 1.5      adapt to extract IDEAS@WORK add/changes
40 # 981222AE: 2.3.1    fix bugs in EXC_BODY reporting / enhance it
41 # 981222AE: 2.4      add CFPATH support
42 # 981223AE: 2.4.1    CFPath logging; fix synonym (SUBJECT TOKEN) lookup <trailing \s*>
43 # 981223AE: 2.5      reorder reporting fields
44 # 981224AE: 2.5.1    update SHIPPING_ADDRESS fields to reflect presence of T.B & S diagnostic fields
45 # 981225AE: 2.5.2    code review/dox; update cf to require MAILINGID
46 # 981226AE: 2.6      standardize on LOG ID for use in address change
47 # 981229AE: 2.7      add support for separate billing, shipping addresses
48 # 981229AE: 2.7      add record-recovery via ADO -> mailing database lookups
49 # 981229AE: 3.0      record-update ADO -> mailing database
50 # 981229AE: 3.0.1    fix leading digits bug in getdatetimeStamp fn
51 # 981229AE: 3.0.2    fix MDB query bugs; introduce detection of SELECT && UPDATE SUCCESS; verify decision-tree based UPDATES
52 # 981229AE: 3.1      fix address3 bug; provide regression compatibility for /ADDCHANGE
53 # 981229AE: 3.1.1    throw .notok as a HARD_EXC
54 # 981229AE: 3.1.2
55 #
56 # ***** INCL *****
57 #
58 # use win32::OLE;
59 #
60 # ***** ENV *****
61 #
62 # $Greversion = 4;
63 # $Greversion = '3.1.2';
64 # if($scalar($ARGV) < $Greversion) { die "(($Greversion) usage: procorder.pl [username] [reportName] [cfPATH <campaignMnemonic>] [ <buyToken> | /multi | /add
65 #   Change ]\n"; }
66 #
67 # $Guser
68 #   = $ARGV[0];

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APPENDIX D

F:\Development\PRJ\PRJ_hbsp_extractor\order\WORKING\order.ppt
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67 %creportFile
68 %cPath
69 %csub1 buyToken
70 %excsubreportFile
71 %excsubreportFile
72 %outFile
73 %excsubreportFile
74 %excsubreportFile
75 if(%ARGV[4] == 1) { %GDEBUG = 1; } else { %GDEBUG = 0; }
76 if(%ARGV[4] == 2) { %GDEBUG_FTN = 1; } else { %GDEBUG_FTN = 0; }
77 ##### DEFN #####
78 ##### MISC GLOBALS #####
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80 ## MISC GLOBALS ##
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82 %cplatform
83 %eventype
84 %basepath
85 %cfieldlimiter
86 %cspare
87 %cnewline
88 %ccomma
89 %cpiPrequiresFUP
90 %cMultiItemOrdersSwitch
91 %cAddChangeSwitch
92
93 ##### OUTPUT FILE LAYOUTS #####
94
95 ## DO NOT change alpha ordering of lowercase field names (e..t.)
96 ## this is vital in the body field layout defn file since the rules reference the letter prefixes
97
98 ## reportFile (note: EXC_reportFileName also written from this template)
99
100 %creportFileRecord = (
101
102   a.LID
103   b.RID
104   c.THIS SUBJECT
105   d.THIS BODY_BOTTOM
106   e.THIS BODY_TOP
107   f.FUP_REQUIRED
108   g.LOCATION_BUY_TOKEN
109   h.REVIEW_ACTION_TAKEN
110   i.SELECTED_ITEMS
111   j.PRIORITY
112   k.CUSTNO
113   l.LISTID
114   m.FROM_ADDRESS
115   n.SPECIAL_INSTRUCTIONS
116   o.PHONE
117   p.BILLING_ADDRESS
118   q.SHIPPING_ADDRESS
119   r.MDB_BILLING_ADDRESS
120
121 );
122
123 ## outFile
124
125 %coutFileRecord = (
126
127   a.LID
128   b.RID
129   c.THIS SUBJECT
130   d.THIS BODY_BOTTOM
131   e.THIS BODY_TOP
132   f.LISTID
133   g.CUSTNO
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203 h_eventDesc => 'e_seventDesc'
204 z_fup_required => 'e_seventRequiresFUP'
205 );
206
207 ##### DATA #####
208 $getkeypos_Outfile(\%outFileRecord); # identify the fieldwise position of fields in the outfile for canonicalization (use EXC file as model)
209
210 ##print "---- debug --- FRM_ADD FIELDPOS= $fromAddressFieldPos\n";
211
212 $OSM
213
214 $dsOrderProcessing';
215
216 if ($platform ne 'WIN') {$relativePath = '/logs/'} else { $relativePath = '\\logs\\';}
217
218 $activityLogFileName = $basePath.$relativePath.'activityLog.tab';
219 $activityLogKeysFileName = $basePath.$relativePath.'activityLogKeys.tab';
220
221 if ($platform ne 'WIN') {$relativePath = '/db/'} else { $relativePath = '\\db\\';}
222
223 $excReportDBKeysFileName = $basePath.$relativePath.'excReportDBKeys.tab';
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229
230 if ($platform ne 'WIN') {$relativePath = 'cf'. '/' . $cfPath} else { $relativePath = '\\cf\\'. $cfPath\\';}
231
232 $bodyDataLayoutFileName = $basePath.$relativePath.'messageBodyDataLayout.cf';
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239 ##### MAIN #####
240 #####
241
242 $MODE = '0';
243 $MULTI_BUY_ON = 0;
244 $ADD_CHANGE_ON = 0;
245 $SUBJ_buyToken = uc($subj_buyToken);
246
247 $MODE = "<TOKEN = $SUBJ_buyToken>";
248 if ($SUBJ_buyToken =~ /\MULTI/) { $MULTI_BUY_ON = 1; $MODE .= '<MULTI BUY ON>'; }
249 if ($SUBJ_buyToken =~ /\ADDCHANGE/) { $ADD_CHANGE_ON = 1; $MODE .= '<ADDCHANGE ON>'; }
250
251 print "[procOrder R.$GREVISION] $MODE\n".($GDEBUG?"\n<GDEBUG: $GDEBUG_FTN>\n\n":"\n");
252
253 ## open CF files
254
255 print "*** Opening: $bodyPreProcRulesFileName...\n";
256 $bodyPreProcRules = &loadFile_SCALAR($bodyPreProcRulesFileName);
257
258 print "*** Opening: $bodyBuyAllFileName...\n";
259 $bodyBuyAllIndicators = &loadFile_SCALAR($bodyBuyAllFileName);
260
261 print "*** Opening: $bodyAddressChangeFileName...\n";
262 $bodyAddressChangeIndicators = &loadFile_SCALAR($bodyAddressChangeFileName);
263
264 print "*** Opening: $bodyDataLayoutFileName...\n";
265 $bodyDataLayout = &loadFile_SCALAR($bodyDataLayoutFileName, $GDEBUG_FTN);
266
267 unless($ADD_CHANGE_ON) {
268   print "*** Opening: $mailingDBLayoutFileName...\n";
269   $mailingDBLayout = &loadFile_SCALAR($mailingDBLayoutFileName, $GDEBUG_FTN);
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272 }
273 ## open I/O
274 if ( !open(FH_log, ">$activityLogFileName") )
275 {
276   (Seventype = 'ABORT'; Seventdesc = "MAIN::Cannot open GactivityLogFileName: \${FileName}"; &logEve
277   vent(\FH_log, Seventype, Seventdesc, $Guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);}
278   (Seventype = 'FAIL'; Seventdesc = "MAIN::Cannot open GoutFile: \${GoutFile}"; &logEvent(\
279   vent(\FH_log, Seventype, Seventdesc, $Guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);}
280   (Seventype = 'FAIL'; Seventdesc = "MAIN::Cannot open GreportFile: \${GreportFile}"; &logEvent(\
281   vent(\FH_log, Seventype, Seventdesc, $Guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);}
282   (Seventype = 'FAIL'; Seventdesc = "MAIN::Cannot open excreportFile: \${GexcreportFile}"; &logEve
283   nt(\FH_log, Seventype, Seventdesc, $Guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);}
284   (Seventype = 'FAIL'; Seventdesc = "MAIN::Cannot open exccbodyreportFile: \${GexccbodyreportFile}";
285   &logEvent(\FH_log, Seventype, Seventdesc, $Guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);}
286   (Seventype = 'FAIL'; Seventdesc = "MAIN::Cannot open GexceptionsFile: \${GexceptionsFile}"; &log
287   Event(\FH_log, Seventype, Seventdesc, $Guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);}
288 }
289 ## load Xresults fieldname keys from layout cf file (now in $LAYOUT)
290 @fieldkeys = undef;
291 @fieldkeys = &getfieldkeys($LAYOUT);
292 #print "--debug--\n"; foreach(@fieldkeys) { print "***$_\n"; }
293 #numberRequiredFields = scalar(@fieldkeys);
294 if(!defined($LAYOUT{'orderProcessingDSN'})) { $LAYOUT{'orderProcessingDSN'} = $GDSN; }
295 print "*** Loading daily order data source: $LAYOUT{'orderProcessingDSN'}...\n";
296 @DB = &read_DSNTOA0H($LAYOUT{'orderProcessingDSN'}, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
297 $totalRecords = $DB+1;
298 $clientName = $LAYOUT{'thisClientName'};
299 ## startup OK event
300 Seventype = 'X INFO'; Seventdesc = "procOrder R.$Grevision START OK - USER: $Guser/$GcfPath CLIENT: $GclientName opDSN ($totalRecords) oPSN ($totalRecords): $LAYOUT{'orderP
301 rocessingDSN'} mDSN: $LAYOUT{'orderProcessingDSN'} -> $LAYOUT{'thisMailingTable'} ($totalRecords recs) bodyDefn: $GbodyDataLayoutFileName"; &logEvent(\
302   "FH_log, Seventype, Seventdesc, $Guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
303 print "\n\n** Status...\n\n";
304 print "USER:\${Guser}\n";
305 print "CLIENT:\${GclientName}\n";
306 print "CFPATH:\${GcfPath}\n";
307 print "TOTAL RECORDS \${t} -> \"$LAYOUT{'orderProcessingDSN'}\""; $totalRecords\n";
308 print "unless ($DB CHANGE ON) { print \"MAILING TABLE SOURCE \${t} -> \"$LAYOUT{'thisMailingTable'}\" -> $LAYOUT{'thisMailingTable'}\" }\n\n";
309 print "\n(Note: if this information is not correct, hit <CTRL> - C to abort and correct <you have 5 seconds>)\n\n"; sleep 5;
310 print "*** begin processing...\n\n";
311
312 ## flag duplicate e-mail addresses in order stream
313 %dupMap = &checkDupReturnMap(\@DB, $GDEBUG);
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315 $dupMap = &checkDupReturnMap(\@DB, $GDEBUG);
316
317 #####
318 ##### main loop #####
319 #####
320 #####
321 $excpCount = 0;
322 $warnCount = 0;
323 $outFileCount = 0;
324 $exceptionstFileCount = 0;
325 $excreportFileCount = 0;
326 $reportFileCount = 0;
327 $fupCount = 0;
328 $reportLineCount = 0;
329
330 for $mainCount (0 .. $DB) {
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333 $thisRecordID = $mainCount+1;
334 $thisRequiresFUP = 1;
335 $RECORD_VALID = 1;
336 $thisStatus = undef;
337 $thisShippingAddressBlock = undef;
338 $thisBillingAddressBlock = undef;
339 $thisShippingAddressBlock = "\n";
340 $thisFullNumberedBody
341
342 ## get relevant fields, normalized, this record
343
344 $thisFromAddress = &normalizeSpacing(uc($DB[$mainCount]['FromAddress']));
345 $thisFromAddress =~ s/[\t\r]/$Gspace/g;
346
347 $thisFromName = &normalizeSpacing($DB[$mainCount]['FromName']);
348 $thisFromName =~ s/[\t\r]/$Gspace/g;
349
350 $thisSubject = &normalizeSpacing(uc($DB[$mainCount]['Subject']));
351 $thisSubject =~ s/[\t\r]/$Gspace/g;
352
353 $thisBody = uc($DB[$mainCount]['body']);
354 $thisBody =~ s/[\t\r]/$Gspace/g;
355
356 ## split BODY into discrete lines
357
358 @BODYlines = undef;
359 @topLines = undef;
360 @bottomLines = undef;
361
362 push(@BODYlines, $1) while ($thisBody =~ s/^(?!\012\013)*(\012\015|(?!\015\012)?)/);
363
364 ## skip lines that are the quoted BODY unless they're the order form --- example delimiters:
365 ## $BODYstartToken = 'HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL PUBLISHING';
366 ## $BODYendToken = 'FIRST NAME';
367
368 $BODYstartToken = $LAYOUT{'startDelimiter'};
369 $BODYendToken = $LAYOUT{'endDelimiter'};
370 $BODYstartToken =~ s/[\t\r]/$Gspace/g;
371 $BODYendToken =~ s/[\t\r]/$Gspace/g;
372 $startToken_ON = 0;
373 $endToken_ON = 0;
374 $thisBody = undef;
375 $thisBodyTop = undef;
376 $thisBodyBottom = undef;
377 $lastLineExcluded = undef;
378
379 for($count = 0; $count <= $#BODYlines; $count++) {
380     $line = $BODYlines[$count];
381     $thisFullNumberedBody .= ("[".$count."] \t ".$line."\n");
382     unless($startToken_ON || $line =~ /\>+/) {unless ($line =~ /\>+/) {push(@topLines, ("[".$count."] |'."$line."|')}
383     ); }
384     if(($line =~ /$BODYstartToken/) .. ($line =~ /$BODYendToken/)) {
385         if(!($startToken_ON && ($line =~ /$BODYstartToken/))) { $startToken_ON = 1; }
386         if(!($endToken_ON && ($line =~ /$BODYendToken/))) { $endToken_ON = 1; $thisBody .= ($line.$Gnewline); unless($line =~ /\>+/
387         || $line =~ /\>+/ || $line =~ /\[\\]/) { $thisBodyBottom .= ($line.$Gpipe) } }
388         next;
389     }
390     ## ignore bottom lines if part of the original -> indicators: ">" || "[" || "]"
391     if($startToken_ON && $endToken_ON) { unless($line =~ /\>+/ || $line =~ /\[\\]/) { $thisBodyBottom .= ($line.$Gpipe); push(@bot
392     tomLines, ("[".$count."] |'."$line."|')} }
393     $thisBody .= ($line.$Gnewline);
394 }
395 }
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399 $thisbodyTop == s/{\t\r}[/g;
400 $thisbodyBottom == s/{\t\r}[/g;
401
402 if($DEBUG) { print "\n\n" DEBUG__THISBODY="$thisbody.\n\n\n"; }
403
404 ## log/print warning if cannot find FOOTER ID BLOCK: CUSTNO|LISTID|MAILINGID|DIALOGID || if bad match yields the same for CUSTNO|LISTID
405
406 $thisCUSTNO = -1;
407 $thisLISTID = -1;
408 $thisMAILINGID = -1;
409 $thisDIALOGID = -1;
410 $thisLISTID_EXCEPT_ON = 0;
411 $thisMAILINGID_EXCEPT_ON = 0;
412
413 if($thisbody =~ /\[([A-Z]*?)\]([A-Z]*?)\?([A-Z]*?)\]/) {
414     $thisLISTID_EXCEPT_ON = 1;
415
416     $eventType = 'EX_ERR'; $excpCount++; $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . "\> UNMATCHED FOOTER ID BLOCK: CUSTNO|LISTID|MAILINGID|DIALOGID";
417     $logEvent("\*FH_log, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
418     $eventType = 'INFO'; $excpCount++; $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . "\> >>> ATTEMPTING SUBJECT LINE MAILING ID RECOVERY >>>"; $logEvent(
419         "\*FH_log, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
420
421     ## test to see if there is a cf file synonym (**, ++, etc) for the MAILING ID which can be recovered in the absence of the footer token
422     if($thismailingID == -1) { $thismailingID = $subjectSynonymLookup($thissubject, \XLAOUT); }
423     if($thismailingID == -1) {
424         $RECORD_VALID=0;
425         $MAILINGID_EXCEPT_ON = 1;
426         $eventType = 'EX_ERR'; $excpCount++; $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . "\> MAILING ID RECOVERY WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL"; $logEvent("\*F
427         H_log, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
428     }
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430     if($thismailingID != -1) {
431         $eventType = 'INFO'; $excpCount++; $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . "\> <<< MAILING ID RECOVERY SUCCESSFUL USING: $thissubjectCma
432         ilingIDToken -> $LAOUT{$thissubjectMailingIDToken}"; $logEvent("\*FH_log, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
433     }
434     else {
435         if($DEBUG) { print "****DEBUG_ element1= $1 --- element2= $2 --- element3= $3 --- element4= $4\n"; sleep 1; }
436         $element1 = $1; $element2 = $2; $element3 = $3; $element4 = $4;
437
438         $thisCUSTNO = ($element1 =~ /\S+?/) ? $element1 : -1;
439         $thisLISTID = ($element2 =~ /\S+?/) ? $element2 : -1;
440         $thisMAILINGID = ($element3 =~ /\S+?/) ? $element3 : -1;
441         $thisDIALOGID = ($element4 =~ /\S+?/) ? $element4 : -1;
442
443         if ($thisCUSTNO == -1 && $thisLISTID == -1) {
444             $thisLISTID_EXCEPT_ON = 1;
445             $MAILINGID_EXCEPT_ON = 1;
446             $eventType = 'EX_ERR'; $excpCount++; $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . "\> BAD MATCH: CUSTNO, LISTID"; $logEvent("\*FH_log, Seven
447             tType, $eventDesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
448
449             ## log/print INFO if cannot find mailingID
450             if($thismailingID == -1) { $eventType = 'INFO'; $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . "\> NO MAILING ID MATCH"; $logEvent("\*FH_log, $eventTyp
451             e, $eventDesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN); }
452             ## log/print INFO if cannot find dialogID
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462         if ($thisDialogID == -1) { $eventType = 'INFO'; $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . "\> NO DIALOG ID MATCH"; &logEvent("\*FH_log, $eventType,
463         $eventDesc, $user, $GDEBUG_FTN); }
464     }
465     ## check for /multi || quoted BUY TOKEN (eg: "YES")
466     $buyTokenPosition = 'none';
467     $thisItemsSelectedStack = undef;
468     @thisItemsSelected
469     {
470         unless ($ADD_CHANGE_ON) {
471             ## check for buy tokens, eg: YES in SUBJECT, TOP, BOTTOM || letter items: ABC || A,B,C || A-C
472             $buyTokenPosition = &detectBuyTokens($MULTI_BUY_ON, $Gsub_j_buyToken, $thismailingID, $thisbodyTop, $thisbodyBottom, \XLAYO
473             UT, \@topLines, \@bottomLines, $GDEBUG);
474             ## check for no-match case and except
475             if ($buyTokenPosition eq 'none') { $eventRequiresFUP .= '.notok'; $fupCount++; $eventType = 'ERR_SUP'; $warnCount++; $eventDesc =
476             "\<" . $thisRecordID . "\> SUBJECT, TOP, BOTTOM -> NO BUY TOKEN MATCH ($Gsub_j_buyToken)"; &logEvent("\*FH_log, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $GDEBUG_FTN)
477             ; }
478             ## if match and MULTI_BUY_ON, prepare order items listing
479             if ($buyTokenPosition ne 'none' && $MULTI_BUY_ON) {
480                 $thisItemsSelectedStack = &extractDupItemsSelectedStack(@thisItemsSelected);
481             }
482             #####
483             ## INNER LOOP ##
484             #####
485             $results
486             {
487                 $countFields = 0;
488                 $nullCriticalFields = 0;
489                 $ADDRESS_ADEQUATE = 1;
490             }
491             ## process body fields by key; keys == standard field names; values == this BODY's field names mapped thereon
492             foreach (@fieldKeys) {
493                 $key = $_;
494                 ## print "---DEBUG-- key = |$key| \n";
495                 $thisLayoutFieldName = uc($SLAYOUT{$key});
496                 $thisLayoutFieldName =~ s/\s+//;
497                 #####
498                 ##### MAIN MATCHING BLOCK #####
499                 #####
500                 $MATCH_DATA_ON = 0;
501                 $RULE = -1;
502                 $expectedMatch
503                 {
504                     $noBracketsMatch
505                     = $thisLayoutFieldName . "\::.*?{(\{.*\})*}";
506                     $expectedMatch
507                     = $thisLayoutFieldName . "\::.*?{(\{.*\})*}";
508                     CASE: {
509                         TRY_EXPECTED_MATCH: if ($thisbody =~ /$expectedMatch/)
510                         TRY_NO_BRACKETS_MATCH: if ($thisbody =~ /$noBracketsMatch/)
511                         { $MATCH_DATA_ON = 1; $matchElement = $1; $RULE = 1; last
512                         { $MATCH_DATA_ON = 1; $matchElement = $1; $RULE = 2; last
513                     }
514                     CASE: }
515                 }
516             }
517         }
518     }
519 }
520 CASE: }
521 CASE: }
522 CASE: }
523 CASE: }
524 CASE: }

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525     )
526
527     ## A MATCH WAS FOUND, THIS KEY ... push into results set
528     if ($MATCH_DATA_ON) {
529         $countFields++;
530         $matchElement = s/[A-Za-z-\\.\^#\|@]/$space/g;
531         $results{$key} = &normalizeSpacing($matchElement);
532
533         ## print "--DEBUG-- result = |results{$key}|\n";
534
535         ## build shipping and billing address blocks
536         CASE: {
537             if ($key == /u[a-z-]/) {
538                 ## construct SHIPPING ADDRESSBLOCK for report
539                 if ($key == /[hjk]mq\|/) { $thisshippingaddressblock .= (length($results{$key}) > 0)?($results{$key}).$pipe:'';
540                 if ($key == /[efgnop]\|/) { $thisshippingaddressblock .= (length($results{$key}) > 0)?($results{$key}).$space:'';
541             }
542             last CASE;
543         }
544         if ($key == /[A-Z]/) {
545             ## construct BILLING ADDRESSBLOCK for report
546             if ($key == /[hjk]mq\|/) { $thisbillingaddressblock .= (length($results{$key}) > 0)?($results{$key}).$pipe:'';
547             if ($key == /[efgnop]\|/) { $thisbillingaddressblock .= (length($results{$key}) > 0)?($results{$key}).$space:'';
548         }
549         last CASE;
550     }
551     }
552     ## check for null critical fields: any absence here will throw exception, unless CUSTNO
553     ## print "--debug-- |$LAYOUT{'criticalFields'}| \n"; sleep 1;
554     if ($key == /[[A-Z]]/) {
555         $RECORD_VALID=0; $ADDRESS_ADEQUATE = 0;
556         $eventRequiresFUP = ($eventRequiresFUP == /badad/?'...'badad'); $FUPcount++; $eventtype = 'EX_FUP'; $excpCount++; $seven
557         TOPASC = " \<"$thisrecordid.">" CRITICAL STANDARD FIELD VALUE IS NULL: \[$thislayoutfieldname\]; &logEvent(\*FH_log, $eventtype, $eventdesc, $user, $L
558         GDEBUG_FTH);
559     }
560     }
561     ## ALL MATCHES FAILED, THIS KEY
562     if (!($MATCH_DATA_ON)) {
563         $results{$key} = undef;
564         $eventtype = {EX_ERR}; $excpCount++; $eventdesc = " \<"$thisrecordid.">" STANDARD FIELD_NAME=FIELD_VALUE PAIR UNPARSABLE: \[$th
565         islayoutfieldname\]; &logEvent(\*FH_log, $eventtype, $eventdesc, $user, $LDEBUG_FTH);
566         ## check to see if unparsable field is a critical field
567         ## critical fields -> from CF file: any absence here will throw exception
568     }
569 }
570
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572
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651 $RECORD_VALID = 0;
652 $eventtype = 'EX_ERR'; $eventrequiresfup = '.chkbody'; $fupcount++; $seventdesc = " \<" $thisrecordid. ">" CUSTOMER RESPONSE (TOP.
653 Bottom) NOT FOUND WHEN EXPECTED"; &logEvent(\^FH_log, $eventtype, $seventdesc, $guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
654 }
655 #####
656 ##### RECORD INVALID: Attempt recovery from mailing database #####
657 #####
658 #####
659 $RECORD_RECOVERED = 0;
660
661 if(!($RECORD_VALID && $ADD_CHANGE_ON)) {
662   $eventtype = 'INFO'; $seventdesc = " \<" $thisrecordid. ">" >>> BAD RECORD: ATTEMPTING RECOVERY-LOOKUP USING \"$thisfromaddress\", $LAYOUT{'thisma
663   ilingdsn'} -> $LAYOUT{'thismailingtable'}"; &logEvent(\^FH_log, $eventtype, $seventdesc, $guser, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
664 }
665 $recoveredresults = undef;
666 $recoveredresults = &querySELECT_DB(\$LAYOUT{'EMAIL'}, $thisfromaddress, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
667
668 ## foreach(keys($recoveredresults)) { print "debug== key = $ _ value = $recoveredresults{$ _} \n"; }
669
670 CASE: {
671   if($recoveredresults{'_exit_'} < 1) {
672     $RECORD_VALID = 0;
673     $eventtype = 'EX_ERR'; $eventrequiresfup = "/badmbox/??...:badmbox"; $fupcount++; $seventdesc = $LGDEBUG_F
674     TN;
675     " \<" $thisrecordid. ">" MAILING TABLE RECOVERY-LOOKUP FAILED ON \"$thisfromaddress\""; &logEvent(\^FH_log, $eventtype, $seventdesc, $guser, $LGDEBUG_F
676     TN);
677   }
678   last CASE;
679 }
680
681 if($recoveredresults{'_exit_'} == 1) {
682   $RECORD_RECOVERED = 1;
683   $RECORD_VALID = 1;
684   $eventtype = 'WRN_FUP'; $eventrequiresfup = "((($eventrequiresfup == /goodmbox/??...:goodmbox); $fupcount++; $seventdesc = $seventde
685   sc = " \<" $thisrecordid. ">" <<< MAILING TABLE RECOVERY-LOOKUP SUCCESSFUL USING \"$thisfromaddress\""; &logEvent(\^FH_log, $eventtype, $seventdesc, $guse
686   r, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
687
688   ## construct $thismdbbillingAddress
689   foreach $key(sort(keys($mdblayout))) {
690     $value = $mdblayout{$key};
691     ## print "debug key = $key value = $value \n";
692     if ($key == /(h|j|k|m|q|\\|\/|) { $thismdbbillingAddressBlock .= (length($recoveredresults{$value}) > 0)?($recoveredresults{$va
693     lue}).$pipe.''; }
694     if ($key == /(efgnop|\\|\/|) { $thismdbbillingAddressBlock .= (length($recoveredresults{$value}) > 0)?($recoveredresults{$val
695     ue}).$space.''; }
696   }
697
698   ## restore mailingid and CID, if blank
699   $recoveredresults{'ED_MAILINGID'} = $custno = $recoveredresults{'CID'} — custno = $thiscustno\n";
700
701   ## print "debug mailingid = $recoveredresults{'ED_MAILINGID'} if($thismailingid == -1) { $thismailingid = $recoveredresults{'ED_MAILINGID'}; }
702   if($thismailingid != -1) { $thismailingid = $recoveredresults{'ED_MAILINGID'}; }
703   if($thiscustno != -1) { $thiscustno = $recoveredresults{'CID'}; }
704
705   last CASE;
706 }
707
708 }
709
710 }
711

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712 )
713 ### add an empty flag where SHIPPING ADDRESS is returned blank
714
715 if($thisShippingAddressBlock != /S+?/) { $thisShippingAddressBlock = '{ SAME }'; }
716 if($thisShippingAddressBlock != /S+?/) { $thisShippingAddressBlock = '{ N/A }'; }
717
718 ### tag address block exceptions with diagnostic ques
719
720 if(!($RECORD_VALID)) {
721     CASE: {
722         if($thisBillingAddressBlock != /S+?/ && ($thisBodyTop != /S+?/ || $thisBodyBottom != /S+?/))
723             $thisBillingAddressBlock = 'NO_';
724         if($thisBillingAddressBlock != /S+?/ && ($thisBodyTop != /S+?/ && $thisBodyBottom != /S+?/))
725             $thisBillingAddressBlock = '{ 80';
726         if($thisBillingAddressBlock != /S+?/ && $ADDRESS_ADEQUATE)
727             $thisBillingAddressBlock = 'CRIT';
728         $thisBillingAddressBlock = 'UNKNOWN_ERR/INSPECT=' | $thisBillingAddressBlock; last CASE;
729     }
730
731     $eventRequiresFUP = ($eventRequiresFUP != /S+?/) ? '.inspect' : $eventRequiresFUP;
732
733     #####
734     ## write valid record data to outfile ##
735     #####
736     $ED_ORDER_VALUE = 1;
737     $EXCEPTION_TYPE = 'OK';
738     $UPDATE_SUCCESSFUL = 0;
739     $THIS_KEY_FIELD = undef;
740     if($RECORD_VALID) {
741         unless($ADD_CHANGE_ON) {
742             CASE: {
743                 if($queryUPDATE_DB($LAYOUT, $THIS_KEY_FIELD, $THIS_KEY_FIELD, $ED_ORDER_VALUE,
744                     $UPDATE_SUCCESSFUL=1; last CASE; }
745                 if($queryUPDATE_DB($LAYOUT, $THIS_KEY_FIELD, $THIS_KEY_FIELD, $ED_ORDER_VALUE, $ED_MAI
746                     $UPDATE_SUCCESSFUL=1; last CASE; }
747                 if($queryUPDATE_DB($LAYOUT, $THIS_KEY_FIELD, $ED_LID, $ED_ORDER, $ED_ORDER_VALUE, $ED_
748                     $UPDATE_SUCCESSFUL=1; last CASE; }
749             }
750         }
751         $RECORD_VALID = 0;
752         $eventRequiresFUP = ($eventRequiresFUP == /badupmdb/?/'.'.'.'badupmdb') : $eventRequiresFUP; $eventCount++; $event
753         desc = " <" $thisRecordID "> (MANUAL UPDATE REQUIRED) MAILING TABLE UPDATE FAILED ON ALL KEYS - LAST TRY: \" $THIS_KEY_FIELD -> $THIS_KEY_FIELD_VALUE\"
754         ; &logEvent(\"*FH_log, $eventtype, $eventdesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
755     }
756     }
757     if(!($UPDATE_SUCCESSFUL)) {
758         $RECORD_VALID = 0;
759         $eventRequiresFUP = ($eventRequiresFUP == /badupmdb/?/'.'.'badupmdb') : $eventRequiresFUP; $eventCount++; $event
760         desc = " <" $thisRecordID "> (MANUAL UPDATE REQUIRED) MAILING TABLE UPDATE FAILED ON ALL KEYS - LAST TRY: \" $THIS_KEY_FIELD -> $THIS_KEY_FIELD_VALUE\"
761         ; &logEvent(\"*FH_log, $eventtype, $eventdesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
762     }
763     }
764     if(!($RECORD_VALID && !($UPDATE_SUCCESSFUL)) {
765         $eventRequiresFUP = ($eventRequiresFUP == /badupmdb/?/'.'.'badupmdb') : $eventRequiresFUP; $eventCount++; $eventdesc = " <"
766         desc = " <" $thisRecordID "> (MANUAL UPDATE REQUIRED) MAILING TABLE NOT UPDATED; &logEvent(\"*FH_log, $eventtype, $eventdesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
767     }
768     }
769     }
770     }
771     <" $thisRecordID ">

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772     )
773
774     ### Buy tokens not found and not ADDRESS_CHANGE; move to EXC report
775     unless($ADDRESS_CHANGE) { if($buyTokenPosition eq 'none') { $RECORD_VALID = 0; $EO_ORDER_VALUE = 2; } }
776
777     if($RECORD_VALID) {
778         $reportLineCount++;
779         ## update MAILING TABLE
780
781         ## write out files
782         &writerRecord(\FH_out,$gfieldDelimiter,($thiskey=&getNextDBkey_return($goutFileDBkeysFilename,$LGDEBUG_FTN)),\%goutFileRecord,'EXTENDED',
783             $LGDEBUG_FTN);
784         &writerRecord(\FH_report,$gfieldDelimiter,($thiskey=&getNextDBkey_return($greportFileDBkeysFilename,$LGDEBUG_FTN)),\%greportFileRecord,'NO
785             RMAL', $LGDEBUG_FTN);
786
787         ## include ALL BODYS in the EXC_BODY file for potential review
788         if($eventRequiresFUP =~ /\S+/) { $EXCEPTION_TYPE = 'SOFT-EXC'; }
789
790         &writerRecord(\FH_excBODYreport,$gfieldDelimiter,$thisBODYlogkey=&getNextDBkey_return($gexceptionsBODYDBkeysFilename,$LGDEBUG_FTN);
791
792         $outFileCount++;$reportFileCount++;
793     }
794
795     #####
796     ## write exception record data to outfiles ##
797     #####
798     if(!($RECORD_VALID) {
799         $EXCEPTION_TYPE = 'HARD-EXC';
800
801         &writerRecord(\FH_exc,$gfieldDelimiter,$thiskey=&getNextDBkey_return($gexceptionsDBkeysFilename,$LGDEBUG_FTN),\%goutFileRecord,'EXTENDED',
802             $LGDEBUG_FTN);
803         &writerRecord(\FH_excBODYreport,$gfieldDelimiter,$thiskey=&getNextDBkey_return($gexcReportDBkeysFilename,$LGDEBUG_FTN),\%greportFileRecord,'NO
804             ptionsBODYFileRecord,'BODY', $LGDEBUG_FTN);
805
806         $exceptionsFileCount++; $excReportFileCount++;
807     }
808     print "\n";
809 }
810
811 #####
812 ## end main loop #####
813
814 ## print STDOUT exit state
815
816 $dateNow = &getdateStamp('WIN',$LGDEBUG_FTN);
817
818 print "\n** [procorder version $revision] Done! $totalRecords records processed by $user/$gcPath for client: $clientName **\n\n";
819
820 print "SUMMARY REPORT for: ".$dateNow."\n\n";
821 print "FILES WRITTEN \n";
822 printf "\n%10d", $reportFileCount;
823 printf "\n%10d", $excReportFileCount;
824 printf "\n%10d", $excBodyFileCount;
825 printf "\n%10d", $outFileCount;

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835 print "records written to OUTPUT FILE (all fields): $outFile";
836 printf "%10d", $exceptionsFileCount;
837 print "records written to EXCEPTIONS FILE (all fields): $exceptionsFile";
838 print "\n\nLogging\n\n";
839 print "all rule failure events for all time logged in detail to: $activityLogFile\n\n";
840 printf "%10d", $totalRecords;
841 print "BOBYS for this session are keyed, categorized in: $excBodyReportFile, for review in an editor\n\n";
842 $eventType = 'X_INF0'; $eventDesc = "proceder R.$revision EXIT OK - USER: $user/$gcPath CLIENT: $clientName opoSN ($totalRecords): $layout{'orderPr
ocessingDSN'} mdoSN: $layout{'orderProcessingDSN'} -> $layout{'thisWaitingTable'} ($totalRecords recs) bodyDefn: $bodyDataLayoutFileName"; &logEvent(\$
FH_log, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $lgDebug_FTN);
843
844 close(FH_out); close(FH_exc); close(FH_log); close(FH_report); close(FH_excReport);
845
846 exit;
847
848 #####
849 ##### SUBS #####
850 #####
851 #####
852 #####
853 # -----
854 #
855 #
856
857 sub alphaOrdered {
858
859   my(@singleElementArray) = @_;
860
861   my $alpha = 0;
862   my $i = 0;
863
864   my $base = $singleElementArray[0];
865
866   for($i = 1; $i <= $#singleElementArray; $i++) {
867     $ordBase = ord($base); $ordArr = ord($singleElementArray[$i]);
868
869     print "====debug-$i= base = |$base| ordBase= $ordBase ___ singleElementArray[$i] ordArr = $ordArr \n";
870
871     if($ordBase > $ordArr) { return $alpha; }
872     $base = $singleElementArray[$i];
873
874   }
875
876   $alpha = 1;
877
878   return $alpha;
879 }
880
881
882
883 # -----
884 #
885 #
886 sub canonicalize {
887
888   my($inRecord) = @_;
889   my($fieldsIndex, $rec, $buf, $field) = undef;
890   my($ofield) = undef;
891   my $space = ' ';
892   my $dashEscape = $space.'_d_esc_'. $space;
893
894   $inRecord = uc($inRecord);
895
896   my @allFields = undef;
897
898   @allFields = split(/$gcfieldDelimiter/, $inRecord);
899   my $fieldsIndex = undef;
900
901   for($fieldsIndex=0; $fieldsIndex <= $#allFields; $fieldsIndex++) {

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902 if ($fieldsIndex != $emailFieldspos && $fieldsIndex != $fromaddressFieldspos) {
903   if ($fieldsIndex == $companyFieldspos || $fieldsIndex == $lastNameFieldspos || $fieldsIndex == $firstFieldsIndex == $firstFieldsIndex) {
904     if ($fieldsIndex == $countryFieldspos || $fieldsIndex == $departmentFieldspos || $fieldsIndex == $cityFieldspos) { $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/
905       -/dashescape/g; }
906     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
907     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
908     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
909     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
910     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
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912     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
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940     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
941     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
942     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
943     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
944     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
945     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
946     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
947     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
948     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
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958     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
959     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
960     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
961     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;
962     $allFields[$fieldsIndex] == s/\s+//;

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963 #
964 #
965 #
966 sub CheckupsReturnMap (
967   my($ptrAOHDB,$GDEBUG) = @_;
968   my($ODB) = @$ptrAOHDB;
969   ## prepare map of duplicates on FromAddress
970   my %dupsMap = undef;
971   my $j;
972   for $j (0 .. $ODB) {
973     $dupsMap{$j} = $ODB{$j}{'FromAddress'}
974   }
975   my @mirrorDupsMap = undef;
976   my @mirrorDupsMap = values(%dupsMap);
977   my $key = undef;
978   my $value = undef;
979   my @arr = undef;
980   my $number = undef;
981   foreach $key(keys %dupsMap) {
982     $value = $dupsMap{$key};
983     next if($value =~ /\S+?/);
984     @arr = grep /$value/, @mirrorDupsMap;
985     $number = scalar(@arr);
986     if($number > 1) {
987       g, Seventype, Seventype = 'INFO'; SeventypeDesc = "DUPLICATE FromAddress ITEM DETECTED ON IMPORT & FLAGGED: ($number|$key|$value)"; &logEvent(\*FH_to
988         Seventype, SeventypeDesc, $GDEBUG_FTN);
989         $dupsMap{$key} = ('###', $number, '###', $dupsMap{$key});
990         ## print $dupsMap{$key}.\n";
991         ## print "key=$key, value=$value, occurrences=$number.\n";
992       }
993     }
994   }
995   return %dupsMap
996 }
997 #
998 #
999 #
1000 #
1001 #
1002 #
1003 #
1004 #
1005 #
1006 #
1007 #
1008 #
1009 #
1010 #
1011 #
1012 #
1013 #
1014 #
1015 #
1016 #
1017 sub CheckMultiBuy_Extract (
1018   my($thisLine,$thisMailID,$pos,$ptrLayout,$GDEBUG) = @_;
1019   my($exit) = 0;
1020   my($XLayout) = $ptrLayout;
1021   my($rangeStack) = undef;
1022   my($singleStack) = undef;
1023   my($countRangeMatches) = 0;
1024   my($repeat) = 1;
1025   my($match) = undef;
1026   my($replaceChar) = '%';
1027   my($preProcChar) = 'A';
1028   my($separator) = '.';
1029   my($separator) = '.';
1030   my($separator) = '.';

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1100 )
1101 #if($RULE > 0 && ord($arr[0]) <= $maxASCII) {
1102 #
1103 # print "-- debug -- REJECT -- range case |$match| out of alpha order with current stack!\n";
1104 # if(ord($match)>$maxASCII) {$maxASCII = ord($match); }
1105 # $PUSH = 0;
1106 #
1107 #
1108 #
1109 #
1110 if(defined($match) && $match != /($LAYOUT($thisCheckedmailingID))/) {
1111 ## print "--debug-- REJECT -- not in RANGE = |$LAYOUT($thisCheckedmailingID)| match |$match| in line |$thisPreExtractionLine| \n";
1112 if(ord($match)>$maxASCII) {$maxASCII = ord($match); }
1113 $PUSH = 0;
1114 }
1115 }
1116 }
1117 }
1118 if($PUSH && $RULE > 0 && $match =~ /\S+?/) {
1119 #
1120 # push(@rangeStack, ('<'. $RULE. '>' . $match)); $exit = 1;
1121 # $match =~ s/\- / thru /g;
1122 # push(@rangeStack, $match);
1123 # $exit=1;
1124 #
1125 #
1126 #
1127 if($PUSH && $RULE < 0 && $match =~ /\S+?/) {
1128 #
1129 # push(@testSingleStack, $match);
1130 # unless(ord($match) <= $maxASCII) {
1131 #
1132 #   push(@singleStack, ('<'. $RULE. '>' . $match));
1133 #   push(@singleStack, $match);
1134 #   $exit=1;
1135 #
1136 # }
1137 # if(ord($match)>$maxASCII) {$maxASCII = ord($match); }
1138 #
1139 #
1140 # if($GDEBUG) { if(!defined($match)) {print "--debug-- match not defined! in line= |$thisPreExtractionLine|\n"; }}
1141 #
1142 # }
1143 #
1144 # consolidate extractions, pre report
1145 #
1146 # foreach(@rangeStack) { unless($_ != /\S+?/) { push(@thisItemsSelected, $_); }}
1147 # foreach(@singleStack) { unless($_ != /\S+?/) { push(@thisItemsSelected, $_); }}
1148 #
1149 # SPECIAL POST EXTRACTION CASE RULES
1150 #
1151 # my $FIND_BUY_ALL = 0;
1152 # foreach(@GBuyAllIndicators) { s/[^\n\r]//g; next if($_ != /\S+?/); if($thisPreExtractionLine =~ /$_/) { $FIND_BUY_ALL = 1; } }
1153 #
1154 # if ($FIND_BUY_ALL) {
1155 #   if($exit) {
1156 #     my $t = 'vfyTok';
1157 #     $eventType = 'WNL_FUP'; ($eventRequiresFUP 1- /$t/) ? $eventRequiresFUP : $eventCount++; $eventCount++; $e
1158 #     ventDesc = "\<". $thisRecordID. "\> checkMailBuy_extract :: AMBIGUOUS ALL-ITEM SELECTION DETECTED IN EXTRACTION LOCATION <$pos>"; $logEvent("\PH_log, $e
1159 #     ventType, $eventDesc, $ouser, $GDEBUG_FTM);
1160 #   }
1161 #   push(@thisItemsSelected, " ALL ($thismailingID)"); $exit=1;
1162 # }
1163 #
1164 #
1165 #
1166 #

```

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1226 }
1227
1228 ##print "\n-$thisrecordid- debug singlestack -- \n";
1229 #print @singlestack;
1230 ##print "\n-- debug testingsinglestack -- \n";
1231 #print @testingsinglestack;
1232 #print @testingsinglestack;
1233 ##print "\n-$thisrecordid-----\n";
1234
1235 return $exit;
1236 }
1237
1238 my($MULTI_BUY_ON,$SUBJ_buyToken,$thismailingID,$thisbodyTop,$thisSCALARTopLines,$thisHASHLAYOut,$thisSCALARbottomLines,$GDEBUG) = @_;
1239
1240 -----
1241 #
1242 #
1243
1244 sub detectBuyTokens {
1245     my($MULTI_BUY_ON,$SUBJ_buyToken,$thissubject,$thismailingID,$thisbodyTop,$thisSCALARTopLines,$thisHASHLAYOut,$thisSCALARbottomLines,$GDEBUG) = @_;
1246     my %LAYOUT
1247         = %$ptrHASHLAYOut;
1248     my @topLines
1249         = @ptrSCALARTopLines;
1250     my @bottomLines
1251         = @ptrSCALARbottomLines;
1252     my $buyTokenPosition
1253         = undef;
1254     $thisbuyStatus
1255         = undef;
1256     $thisitemsSelected
1257         = undef;
1258     $thisitemsSelectedStack
1259         = undef;
1260     my $exit = 0;
1261
1262     ## print "--debug-- buyToken= |$subj_buyToken|\n";
1263     ## print "--debug-- buyToken= |$subj_buyToken|\n";
1264     FIND_BUY_TOKENS: {
1265         1261 ##
1262         1263 ## checkMultiBuy_Extract returns success on a good watch/extraction;
1264         1265 ## checkItemsSelected is created/populated at this time as well
1266         1267 ##
1268         1269 ## check $thisSubject
1270         1271 ## print "\n\n=====debug-- SUBJECT = |$thissubject| \n";
1272         1273 if(!($MULTI_BUY_ON && $thissubject =~ /$subj_buyToken/) {
1274             $buyTokenPosition = ' S '; $thisbuyStatus = ('<'. $buyTokenPosition.'>' | '$thissubject.'!');
1275         }
1276         ## print "--debug-- thisbuyStatus= |$thisbuyStatus| \n";
1277         last FIND_BUY_TOKENS;
1278     }
1279     if($MULTI_BUY_ON) {
1280         if(&checkMultiBuy_Extract($thissubject,$thismailingID,' S ',\%LAYOUT,$GDEBUG)) {
1281             $buyTokenPosition = ' S '; $thisbuyStatus = '<'. $buyTokenPosition.'>';
1282             last FIND_BUY_TOKENS;
1283         }
1284     }
1285     }
1286     }
1287     }
1288     }
1289     }
1290     }
1291     ## check @topLines
1292     ## print "\n\n=====debug-- thisbodyTop = |$thisBodyTop| \n";
1293 
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```

1294 if(!MULTI_BUY_ON) {
1295     foreach(@topLines) {
1296         $thisTopLine = $_;
1297         if($thisTopLine =~ /$subj_buyToken/) {
1298             $buyTokenPosition = 'T';
1299             $thisBuyStatus = '<'. $buyTokenPosition. '>'. $thisTopLine;
1300             ## print "---debug-- thisBuyStatus= |$thisBuyStatus| \n";
1301             }
1302         }
1303     }
1304     last FIND_BUY_TOKENS;
1305 }
1306 if($MULTI_BUY_ON) {
1307     if(&checkMultiBuy_Extract($thisBodyTop, $thisMailingID, 'T', \X\AYOUT, $GDEBUG)) {
1308         $exit = 1;
1309         $buyTokenPosition = 'T';
1310         $thisBuyStatus = '<'. $buyTokenPosition. '>';
1311         last FIND_BUY_TOKENS;
1312     }
1313 }
1314 }
1315 }
1316 }
1317 }
1318 }
1319 }
1320 }
1321 }
1322 }
1323 }
1324 }
1325 }
1326 }
1327 }
1328 }
1329 }
1330 ## check @bottomLines
1331 }
1332 ## print "\n\n=====debug-- thisBodyBottom = |$thisBodyBottom| \n";
1333 }
1334 if(!MULTI_BUY_ON) {
1335     foreach(@bottomLines) {
1336         $thisBottomLine = $_;
1337         if($thisBottomLine =~ /$subj_buyToken/) {
1338             $buyTokenPosition = 'B';
1339             $thisBuyStatus = '<'. $buyTokenPosition. '>'. $thisBottomLine;
1340             ## print "---debug-- thisBuyStatus= |$thisBuyStatus| \n";
1341             }
1342         }
1343     }
1344     last FIND_BUY_TOKENS;
1345 }
1346 if($MULTI_BUY_ON) {
1347     if(&checkMultiBuy_Extract($thisBodyBottom, $thisMailingID, 'B', \X\AYOUT, $GDEBUG)) {
1348         $exit = 1;
1349         $buyTokenPosition = 'B';
1350         $thisBuyStatus = '<'. $buyTokenPosition. '>';
1351         last FIND_BUY_TOKENS;
1352     }
1353 }
1354 }
1355 }
1356 }
1357 }
1358 }
1359 }
1360 }
1361 }
1362 }

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```

1363     } last FIND_BUY_TOKENS;
1364   }
1365 }
1366
1367
1368 }
1369
1370 ## print "--debug--" if $debug; buyTokenPosition = |$buyTokenPosition|\n";
1371 return $buyTokenPosition;
1372 }
1373
1374
1375 # -----
1376 # -----
1377 # -----
1378
1379 sub extractDupItemsSelectedStack {
1380   my($thisItemsSelected) = @_;
1381   my $thisItemsSelectedStack = undef;
1382   my $thisItemsSelectedStackSeparator = '.';
1383   my $i = undef;
1384   for($i = 0; $i <= $#thisItemsSelected; $i++) {
1385     my $item = $thisItemsSelected[$i]; # all items must be normalized!
1386     next if($item =~ /\s+?/);
1387     $item =~ s/\s+?//g;
1388     $thisItemsSelectedStack .= ($item.$thisItemsSelectedStackSeparator);
1389   }
1390   return $thisItemsSelectedStack;
1391 }
1392
1393
1394
1395
1396
1397 }
1398
1399 $thisItemsSelectedStack =~ s/\s+?//g;
1400
1401 return $thisItemsSelectedStack;
1402 }
1403
1404 # -----
1405 # -----
1406 # -----
1407
1408 sub getDateStamp {
1409   my $dateStamp = getStandardizedDateStamp(UNIX, WINNT);
1410   # Returns a date stamp
1411   my($year, $month, $day, $hour, $min, $sec) = ($dateStamp =~ /\d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}T\d{2}:\d{2}:\d{2}/);
1412   my($platform, $debug_FTN) = @_;
1413   if(!defined($platform)) { $platform = 'WIN'; }
1414   my $SGTIME = "...";
1415   my $day = undef;
1416   my $val = undef;
1417   my $val = undef;
1418   my $val = undef;
1419   if ($platform ne 'WIN') { $val = 'date '+$year.$month.$day.'%a'; }
1420   else {
1421     $val = 'date /t';
1422     chop($val);
1423     $val =~ s/(\d+)(\d+)(\d+)/\1.\2.\3/;
1424     $val = $val.$day.$val;
1425   }
1426 }
1427
1428 if ($platform eq 'WIN') {
1429   $SGTIME = 'echo " | time:';
1430   $SGTIME =~ s/(\d+)(\d+)(\d+)/\1.\2.\3/;
1431 }

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1432 my $leadingdigit = $1;
1433 if (length($leadingdigit) == 1) { $leadingdigit = ('0' . $leadingdigit); }
1434 $val = $leadingdigit.$2.$3.$4.'-'. $day;
1435 }
1436 if ($LDEBUG_FTN) { print "DEBUG_gdate=".$val."\\n"; }
1437 return $val;
1438 }
1439 }
1440 }
1441 }
1442 }
1443 }
1444 }
1445 }
1446 }
1447 sub getFieldKeys {
1448 my($ptrLayout) = @_;
1449 my($LAYOUT) = %$ptrLayout;
1450 }
1451 ## prepare and count required fields from body data layout for check against body
1452 my($fieldKeys) = undef;
1453 my($k) = undef;
1454 my($sf = scalar(@fieldKeys)); print "--debug-- scalarStartFtn=$f \\n";
1455 foreach $k (sort keys %LAYOUT) {
1456 next if ($k =~ /\[a-z][1,2]/); ## these elements are not fieldnames but are other CF parameters (name \t value)
1457 ## print "--debug-- k= |$k|\\n";
1458 if ($k =~ /\s+/) { push(@fieldKeys, $k); }
1459 }
1460 shift @fieldKeys;
1461 ## $f = scalar(@fieldKeys); print "--debug-- scalarEndFtn=$f \\n";
1462 return @fieldKeys;
1463 }
1464 }
1465 }
1466 }
1467 }
1468 }
1469 }
1470 }
1471 }
1472 }
1473 }
1474 }
1475 }
1476 sub getKeyPos_Outfile {
1477 my($ptrRecordTemplate) = @_;
1478 my($ptrRecordTemplate) = %$ptrRecordTemplate;
1479 }
1480 my $record
1481 = undef;
1482 $salutationFieldPos = -1;
1483 $IDFieldPos = -1;
1484 $LIDFieldPos = -1;
1485 $mailingIDFieldPos = -1;
1486 $firstNameFieldPos = -1;
1487 $lastNameFieldPos = -1;
1488 $ixFieldPos = -1;
1489 $titleFieldPos = -1;
1490 $stateFieldPos = -1;
1491 $countryFieldPos = -1;
1492 $postalCodeFieldPos = -1;
1493 $companyFieldPos = -1;
1494 $emailFieldPos = -1;
1495 $addressFieldPos = -1;
1496 $departmentFieldPos = -1;
1497 $cityFieldPos = -1;
1498 $fromAddressFieldPos = -1;
1499 }
1500

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1568 flock(KEYS, $LOCK_EX);
1569 my($count) = <KEYS>;
1570 $nextkey = $count+1;
1571 seek(KEYS,0,$POS_BOF);
1572 print KEYS $nextkey;
1573
1574 flock(KEYS, $LOCK_UN);
1575 close(KEYS);
1576 return $nextkey;
1577
1578
1579 }
1580
1581 # -----
1582 #
1583 #
1584
1585 sub HASHloadFieldMap {
1586   my($fileName, $LGOBUG_FTN) = @_;
1587   if (!open(FH, "$fileName")) { $eventType = "FAIL"; $eventDesc = "HASHloadFieldMap::Cannot open: \[$fileName\]"; $logEvent($*FH_log, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $LGOBUG_FTN); }
1588   $/ = "\n";
1589   my(%fieldMapTemp) = <FH>;
1590   my($key) = undef;
1591   my($value) = undef;
1592   my(%fieldMap) = undef;
1593   while ($key) {
1594     ($key, $value) = split(/[\t\,]/, $item);
1595     $value =~ s/[\\n\\r]//g;
1596     $fieldMap{$key} = $value;
1597   }
1598   return %fieldMap;
1599 }
1600
1601 foreach (@fieldMapTemp) {
1602   my $item = $_;
1603   next if ($item =~ /\s/); # comments
1604   ($key, $value) = split(/[\t\,]/, $item);
1605   $value =~ s/[\\n\\r]//g;
1606   $fieldMap{$key} = $value;
1607 }
1608
1609 return %fieldMap;
1610
1611 }
1612
1613
1614
1615 }
1616
1617 # -----
1618 #
1619 #
1620
1621 sub loadFile_SCALAR {
1622   my($fileName) = @_;
1623   if (!open(FILE, "$fileName")) { $eventType = "FAIL"; $eventDesc = "loadArray::Cannot open filename: \[$fileName\]"; $logEvent($*FH_log, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $LGOBUG_FTN); }
1624   $/ = "\n";
1625   my $buf = $_;
1626   next if ($buf !~ /\s+?/); #
1627 }
1628
1629 my($all) = undef;
1630 while (<FILE>) {
1631   my $buf = $_;
1632   next if ($buf !~ /\s+?/); #
1633 }
1634

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1635     push(@all, $buf);
1636 }
1637 }
1638 }
1639 return @all;
1640 }
1641 }
1642 # -----
1643 # -----
1644 # -----
1645 # -----
1646 sub logEvent {
1647     my($FH, $eventType, $eventDesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1648     my $dateNow = &getDateStamp('WIN', $LGDEBUG_FTN);
1649     my $print event to STDOUT
1650     if($eventType eq 'ABORT') {
1651         $foo = `mapisend -u administrator -p password -r aestes\@e-dialog.com -s "*** $dateNow procOrder - Critical Error" -m "$user $gclientName $eventT
1652         ype $eventDesc";`
1653         die "Error! Cannot log! ". $eventDesc. "\n";
1654     }
1655     if($eventType !~ /_X_/) { print $eventType. "\t". $eventDesc. "\n"; }
1656     else { $eventType =~ s/_X_//; }
1657     # write event to activity log
1658     &writeRecord("${FH_log, $gfieldDelimiter, $thisLogKey=&getNextDBkey_return($gactivityLogKeysFileName, $LGDEBUG_FTN), \&activityLogRecord, "", $LGDEBUG_F
1659     TN);
1660     if($eventType eq 'FAIL') {
1661         $foo = `mapisend -u administrator -p password -r aestes\@e-dialog.com -s "*** $dateNow procOrder - Critical Error" -m "$user $gclientName
1662         $eventType $eventDesc";`
1663         exit;
1664     }
1665 }
1666 }
1667 }
1668 }
1669 }
1670 }
1671 }
1672 }
1673 }
1674 }
1675 }
1676 }
1677 }
1678 sub normalizeSpacing {
1679     my($dirty) = @_;
1680     $dirty =~ s/\s{2,}/space/g; $dirty =~ s/\s+$/; $dirty =~ s/\s+//;
1681     $clean = $dirty;
1682     return $clean
1683 }
1684 }
1685 }
1686 }
1687 }
1688 }
1689 }
1690 }
1691 }
1692 sub queryUPDATE_DB {
1693     my($ptrLayout, $thisQueryKey, $thisQueryFieldName, $fieldName, $fieldValue, $recordRecovered, $LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1694     my $print "*** OSN = $LAYOUT{'thisMailingsDSN'} \n";
1695     my($LAYOUT) = %$ptrLayout;
1696     my $ns = undef;
1697     my $conn = undef;
1700 }

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```

1701 my $errors = undef;
1702 my $fieldNames = undef;
1703 my $pid = -1;
1704 my $recCount = 0;
1705 my $EXIT = 1;
1706
1707 # construct/open DSN
1708
1709 my $conn = undef;
1710
1711 $conn = new Win32::OLE("ADODB.Connection");
1712 $conn->open($LAYOUT{'thismailingDSN'}, "", "");
1713
1714 my($dsb) = undef;
1715 # Load data into recordset
1716
1717 my $mailingTable = $LAYOUT{'thismailingTable'};
1718 my $foo = undef;
1719
1720 # look to see if update record exists, $thisQueryKey
1721 unless($RECORD_RECOVERED) {
1722     my $RECORD_EXISTS = 1;
1723     my $foo_query_SELECT_DS($LAYOUT{$thisQueryFieldName,$thisQueryKey,$LGDEBUG_FTN});
1724     if($foo{'_exit_'}) { $RECORD_EXISTS = 0; return $EXIT; }
1725 }
1726
1727 $thisQuery = "UPDATE $mailingTable SET $fieldName = '$fieldValue', $fieldName1 = '$thisQueryFieldname' WHERE $thisQueryFieldname = '$thisQueryKey'";
1728
1729 $rs = $conn->Execute($thisQuery);
1730
1731 # $foo = $rs;
1732 #foreach(keys($foo)) { print "----key = $_ --- value = $foo{$_} \n"; }
1733
1734 if(!$rs) {
1735     $errors = $conn->Errors();
1736     print "Errors:\n";
1737     foreach $error (keys $errors) {
1738         print "Error: $error\n";
1739     }
1740     $eventDesc = "WRN_FUP"; $eventReqResFUP = (($eventReqResFUP == "/badMDB/") ? "badMDB" : "badMDB"); $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . ">" (SLAYO
1741     ut{'thismailingDSN'}) queryUPDATE_DS :: Cannot create RS: \[thisQuery\]; &logEvent(\*FH_log, $eventtype, $eventDesc, $user, $LGDEBUG_FTN);
1742     return $EXIT;
1743 }
1744
1745 $EXIT = 0;
1746 return $EXIT;
1747
1748
1749
1750 $eventDesc = "INFO"; $eventDesc = "\<" . $thisRecordID . ">" (SLAYOUT{'thismailingDSN'}) queryUPDATE_DS :: UPDATE SUCCESSFUL: \[thisQuery\]"; &log
1751
1752 return $EXIT;
1753 }
1754
1755 # -----
1756
1757 sub querySELECT_DS {
1758     my($ptrLAYOUT, $thisQueryFieldname, $thisQueryKey, $LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1759     my $print ".* DSN = $LAYOUT{'thismailingDSN'} \n";
1760     my($LAYOUT) = $ptrLAYOUT;
1761     my $rs = undef;

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```

1767 my $Conn = undef;
1768 my $Errors = undef;
1769 my $fieldNames = undef;
1770 my $PID = -1;
1771 my $reccount = 0;
1772
1773 # construct/open DSN
1774
1775 my $Conn = undef;
1776
1777 $Conn = new Win32::OLE("ADODB.Connection");
1778 $Conn->Open($LAYOUT{'thismailingDSN'}, "", "", 3);
1779
1780 my($X08) = undef;
1781 $X08{'_exit_'} = 1;
1782
1783 # Load data into recordset
1784
1785 my $mailingTable = $LAYOUT{'thismailingTable'};
1786
1787 $thisQuery = "SELECT * FROM $mailingTable WHERE $thisQueryFieldName = \"\$thisQueryKey\"";
1788
1789 $RS = $Conn->Execute($thisQuery);
1790
1791 if(!$RS) {
1792     $Errors = $Conn->Errors();
1793     print "Errors: \n";
1794     foreach my $key (keys %$Errors) {
1795         print "Error->{$key}: " . $Errors{$key} . "\n";
1796     }
1797     $eventtype = 'FAIL'; $eventdesc = " \<" $thisRecordID. "\> (SLAYOUT{'thismailingDSN'}) querySELECT_DB :: Cannot create RS: \"\$thisQuery\""; $loge
1798     vent("\*FL*Log, $eventtype, $eventdesc, $user, $LOGDEBUG_FTN);
1799 }
1800
1801 my $i = undef;
1802
1803 for($i=0; $i < $RS->Fields->Count; $i++) { $fieldNames[$i] = $RS->Fields->Item($i)->Name; }
1804
1805 my $RESULT_FLAG = 1;
1806
1807 if($RS->EOF) { $RESULT_FLAG = 0; }
1808 $RS -> MoveNext;
1809
1810 if(!$RS->EOF) { $RESULT_FLAG = -1; }
1811 $RS -> MovePrevious;
1812
1813 if($RESULT_FLAG < 1) {
1814     (($eventrequiresEUP =~ /badmdb/) ? '' : 'badmdb'); $EUPCOUNT++; $eventtype = 'ERR_FUP'; $eventdesc = " \<" $thisRecordID. "\> (SLAYOUT{'thismailingp
1815     SN'}) querySELECT_DB :: Bad Lookup ($RESULT_FLAG): \"\$thisQuery\""; $logevent("\*FL*Log, $eventtype, $eventdesc, $user, $LOGDEBUG_FTN);
1816     $DB{'_exit_'} = $RESULT_FLAG;
1817 }
1818
1819 return $X08;
1820 }
1821
1822 while ( $RS->EOF ) {
1823     for($i=0; $i < $RS->Fields->Count; $i++) {
1824         $DB{$fieldNames[$i]} = uc($RS->Fields->Item($i)->value);
1825     }
1826     $RS->MoveNext; $reccount++;
1827 }
1828
1829 $Conn->Close;
1830
1831
1832
1833

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1834 return %08;
1835 }
1836 # -----
1837 # -----
1838 # -----
1839 # -----
1840 sub read_DSNTAOAH {
1841   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1842   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1843   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1844   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1845   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1846   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1847   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1848   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1849   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1850   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1851   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1852   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1853   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1854   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1855   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1856   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1857   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1858   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1859   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1860   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1861   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1862   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1863   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1864   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1865   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1866   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1867   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1868   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1869   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1870   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1871   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1872   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1873   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1874   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
1875   my($DSN,$LGDEBUG_FTN) = @_;
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1971 if($fileempty) { chop($header); print $FH $header."\n"; }
1972 if($add_change_on && $record_type ne 'BODY') { $record = &canonicalize($record); }
1973 print $FH $record."\n";
1974 flock($FH, $LOCK_UN);
1975 }
1976 }
1977 }
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1980 }
  
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Claims

- 1 1. A machine-based method comprising
2 analyzing an e-mail message to derive response
3 information concerning a commercial transaction, and
4 based on the derived information, and
5 automatically generating commercial transaction data
6 in a format that is usable to automatically complete the
7 commercial transaction.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 in which the commercial
2 transaction comprises an order for a product or service.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 in which the e-mail
2 message comprises at least part of an e-mail sent to a
3 customer and responses of the customer to the e-mail.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 in which the automatic
2 completion of the commercial transaction comprises order
3 fulfillment.
- 1 5. A machine-based method comprising
2 sending an e-mail message to a customer offering a
3 product or service for sale, the e-mail message comprising
4 locations for response by the customer indicating his
5 intention to order the product or service,
6 receiving from the customer an e-mail message that
7 includes the response,
8 based on the received e-mail, automatically
9 generating order information in a format usable
10 automatically by an order fulfillment system to cause the
11 order to be filled.
- 1 6. A machine-based method comprising
2 analyzing an e-mail message to derive response
3 information concerning a commercial transaction,
4 automatically identifying response information which
5 requires resolution of an issue with the source of the e-
6 mail message, and

7 automatically managing an e-mail dialog with the
8 source to resolve the issue.

1 7. The method of claim 6 in which at least some of
2 the e-mail dialog is performed automatically.

1 8. Software guided interactive e-mail dialogs to
2 resolve, on behalf of a vendor, customer issues that occur
3 in direct response e-mails that are automatically identified
4 as requiring a dialog.

1 9. A machine-based method comprising
2 automatically sorting e-mail messages, based on
3 response information contained in the messages, into e-mail
4 messages that can be processed automatically to generate
5 commercial transactions, e-mail messages in which the
6 response information is inadequate to permit generation of
7 commercial transactions, and e-mail messages that may be
8 subjected to exception handling to yield information that is
9 sufficient to generate commercial transactions.

1 10. A machine-based method comprising
2 analyzing an e-mail message to derive response
3 information concerning a commercial transaction, and
4 automatically generating a confirmatory e-mail
5 message to the source of the e-mail message confirming that
6 the commercial transaction has been or will be completed.

1 11. A machine-based method comprising
2 receiving inbound e-mail messages that result from
3 corresponding outbound e-mail messages associated with a
4 marketing program, the inbound messages containing response
5 information, each of the outbound messages being associated
6 with a distinct piece of the marketing program, and
7 automatically associating the response information
8 in each of the inbound messages with the corresponding
9 distinct piece of the marketing program.

1 12. The method of claim 11 in which the piece
2 comprises a marketing campaign or a marketing flight.

1 13. The method of claim 11 in which the inbound
2 messages contain information that links them to the
3 corresponding outbound messages, and the associating step
4 uses the link information.

1 14. The method of claim 13 further comprising
2 automatically parsing the inbound messages for order
3 information.

1 15. A machine-based method comprising
2 sending outbound e-mail messages associated with
3 commercial transactions,
4 storing information related to each of the outbound
5 messages in a database, the information being useful for
6 completing the commercial transactions, the information not
7 being contained in the outbound messages,
8 analyzing inbound e-mail messages that result from
9 the outbound messages and that contain response information
10 useful in completing the commercial transactions, and
11 automatically merging the response information with
12 corresponding information in the database for use in
13 completing the transactions.

1 16. A machine-based method comprising
2 sending outbound e-mail messages associated with
3 commercial transactions,
4 storing information related to each of the outbound
5 messages in a database, the information being useful for
6 completing the commercial transactions, the information not
7 being contained in the outbound messages,
8 analyzing inbound e-mail messages that result from
9 the outbound messages and that contain response information
10 useful in completing the commercial transactions,

11 identifying inbound e-mail messages that cannot be
12 processed automatically to generate the commercial
13 transactions, and
14 using the database information to assist in
15 exception handling of the identified inbound messages.

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FIG. 1A

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FIG. 2A



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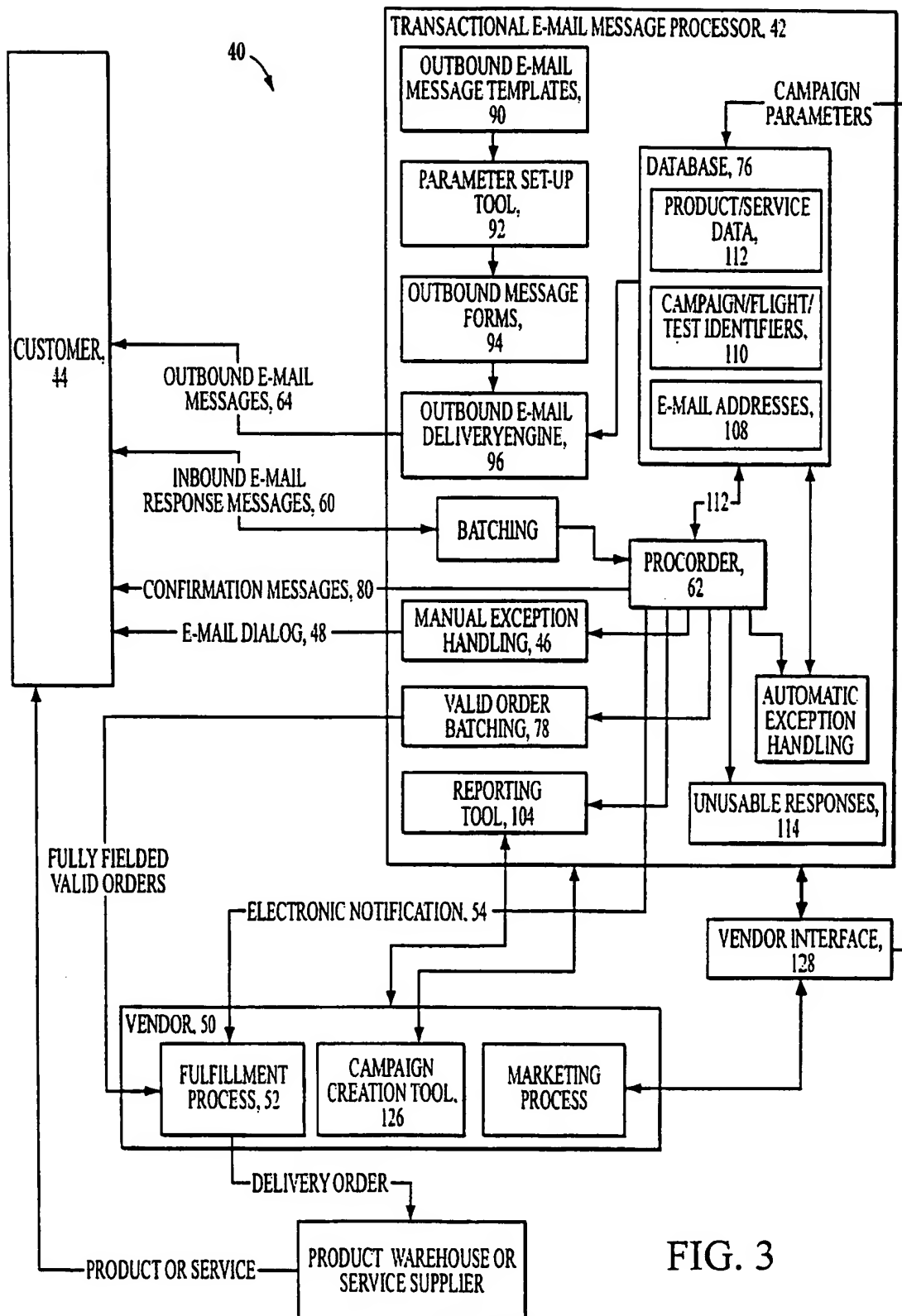


FIG. 3

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